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PM, Bourassa say no to CJC

Plenary invites rejected

By
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TORONTO —
Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec have both turned down invitations to speak at the 22nd plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal May 7-9.

Chagrined at this news, the national executive of the CJC meeting here recently unanimously supported a motion by Moshe Ronen to press the invitations again.

"It is inconceivable that a Canadian Prime Minister would have refused such an invitation in the 1970s," said Frank Schlesinger, one of the plenary's organizers. "I'm very much afraid it is a symptom of the declining importance of the CJC at the national and provincial levels."

Obviously troubled by the turndown, Schlesinger said it happens that Mulroney will be in Montreal on Saturday, one day before the plenary opening, attending a meeting of architects.

Max Shecter said he was concerned that Simcha Dinitz of the Jewish Agency is not coming as well, but Schlesinger said it is because of a special holiday in Israel and the CJC is not worried about it. Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, will attend as will Gerry Weiner, the only Jew in the Mulroney cabinet.

Gerda Frieberg said Mulroney's action may be the result of poor advice, which, she said, was the case when the Prime Minister failed to attend a meeting of Canadian Holocaust survivors.

(At the last plenary, Premier David Peterson represented the province of Ontario, and Flora MacDonald represented the federal government.)

It was the last meeting of the executive's 3-year term, attended by 70 of the 150 members who represent communities from coast to coast.

In her final report as president, Dorothy Reitman said the CJC hopes that Canada will not change its level of contact with the PLO.

"We trust Canada will take no action until Arafat matches deeds with words and renounces the PLO covenant," she said.

Turning to Soviet Jewry affairs, Reitman described the opening of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow as a "positive step" but remained concerned that many Refuseniks are still in the USSR. "A good target date for us in bringing these Refuseniks out is 1991 when there is a human rights conference in Moscow," she said.

On the question of financing the emigration

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U.S. slams UN stand on anti-Israel resolution

GENEVA (JTA) —
The United States, voting against another UN body's resolution condemning Israeli actions in the territories, made a statement last week deriding the organization's view of Israel as one of a make-believe world.

It also maintained its intention to continue its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Marshall Breger, a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission meeting here, said after the vote — "In dealing with the Arab-Israeli conflict, this and other United Nations bodies have created an artificial language having little, if any, relation to reality.

"A semi-official 'Newspeak' reminiscent of George Orwell has grown up, an Alice-in-Wonderland language, in which the world is turned inside out."

The resolution, which once again called on Israel to withdraw from the territories and welcomed the Palestinians' declaration of an independent state, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 31 in favor and one — the United States — against. There were two abstentions.

Israel is an observer, but not a voting member, of the commission.

Breger, an observant Jew and former White House liaison to the Jewish community in the Reagan administration, said in explaining the U.S. vote, "My delegation cannot accept this effort to recognize by resolution an independent state of Palestine or to ratify by inference the decision by the Palestine National Council of Nov. 15, 1988, establishing a Palestinian state in exile.

"Nor can my delegation accept this resolution's criticism of states who give military, economic and political support to Israel, particularly if that reference is meant to refer to the United States."

He maintained that "the United States remains actively involved in efforts to promote peace in the Middle East," citing the U.S. government's decision to open a dialogue with the PLO, following the group's renunciation of violence, recognition of Israel and acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

ONTARIO MPS WELCOMED

Charles Zaionz, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, welcomed Ontario MPs at a reception held at the Lipa Green Building in Toronto. With Zaionz (from left) are MPs Neil Young, NDP; Barbara McDougall, Conservative, and Herb Gray, Liberal. See story on page 3.

Hardline stance precedes U.S. talks

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
A current spate of hardline political statements from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has given rise to intense speculation here as the Premier and his aides prepare for their first encounter with the new U.S. administration early next month in Washington.

Does the Premier intend to portray a tough, "no concessions" stand in his talks with President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker?

Or is his uncompromising rhetoric designed to cast any moderation he may offer in Washington in the most favorable possible light, when it is set against a prior backdrop of harsh public inflexibility?

What, moreover, is the role of domestic political considerations — both internal Likud rivalries and the uneasy Likud-Labor relationship — in the Prime Minister's recent resort to the kind of rhetoric generally associated with Shamir's chief internal critic, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon?

Some examples of Shamir's tough talk:

• In an interview with The Washington Times, the Likud leader said Arafat would be imprisoned if he came to Israel to talk peace.

• In a weekend interview on British television, he noted that Labor's dovish elder statesman, Abba Eban, was "no longer in the Knesset, thank God."

• In a party speech, he blasted Peace Now as the most "marginal of marginal movements" and implied that Peace Now leaders who meet with Palestinians here and abroad are unpatriotic. In the same speech, he referred to the Palestinians as "a bother."

• In a meeting with European Parliament members, he ruled out the idea of elections on the West Bank to produce an authoritative local leadership that could then negotiate with Israel.

This idea has been advanced publicly by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Labor, and it is known to be supported by key figures in the Likud, among them ministers Dan Meridor and Ehud Olmert.

The Premier's vituperative comments about Peace Now triggered a series of similar and even sharper remarks from other right-wing politicians. Knesset Member Uzi Landau of Likud compared the movement to Jews in prestate Palestine who were traitors to the Yishuv's fight for independence.

Such back-stabbing rhetoric has engendered, in turn, a wave of outrage from the left. A group of 21 Knesset members has written to Shamir urging him to withdraw his own statements and restrain his party colleagues, for fear of fomenting the kind of public atmosphere in which Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig was murdered during a 1983 demonstration against the Lebanon War.

Shamir's aides deny that there is a planned strategy of tough talk in advance of the Washington trip.

On the contrary, they say, Shamir is eager to project to the U.S. government and to American and Jewish public opinion an image of a leader looking for new avenues to peace.

This is certainly what a large number of Jewish leaders invited to the Solidarity with Israel conference in Jerusalem March 20 to 23 will be hoping to see.

The aides say his harsh condemnation of Peace Now came in an unpremeditated response to a lengthy question from a Herut Party activist, in order to allay internal party fears that he is too soft on the evolving dialogue between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Israeli peace camp.

According to these interpreters of the Prime Minister's intentions, Shamir's major concern at this time is to channel his forthcoming consultations with Washington toward the issue of Palestinian autonomy — and away from issues pertaining to the final disposition of the territories.

Shamir will be saying to Bush and to Baker that there is no acceptable blueprint for a final solution. Instead, he will suggest the need to work toward an interim agreement, possibly based on Camp David, but injected with new and more "generous" terms on the part of the Israelis.

Arens in U.S.

U.S. demands reduced tensions

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The U.S. expects Israel to take immediate measures to reduce tensions in the territories and ease the plight of the residents there in advance of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's April visit to Washington, well-placed sources said in Jerusalem last week.

At the same time, the U.S. has made it clear that it wants Shamir to present proposals on the peace process that are "sufficiently novel" to be the basis for what some U.S. officials have described as a "joint U.S.-Israeli peace initiative."

Washington hopes that the suggested measures in the territories — thought to include a mass release of administrative detainees, an easing of the tax and administrative burden imposed by the civil administration, and a limited redeployment of the army in Arab population centres — will be approved by the government and implemented before Shamir arrives in the U.S.

The U.S's expectations were conveyed in recent talks between state department officials and Israeli diplomats in Washington, in preparation for Foreign Minister Moshe Arens's visit to the U.S.

Some American officials expressed the hope that the so-called "confidence building" measures would be announced by Arens himself, or that they would be implemented during his visit. But sources here said that the American request has yet to be considered.

Arens this week met Secretary of State James Baker and President George Bush. He was said to be carrying proposals to advance the peace process. The visit reportedly laid the groundwork for Shamir's trip next month.

Baker rejects call for peace meeting

VIENNA (JTA) —
U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has rejected Soviet calls for a Middle East peace conference, saying such a gathering would be "counterproductive at this time."

Baker made the remark at his first meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze since assuming office in January. Their meeting was described as friendly, despite a number of differences on policy.

The two men were here for an East-West conference whose major goal is a 3-stage reduction in nonnuclear weapons and military personnel in Europe. They also discussed human rights.

Baker said the human rights situation in the Soviet Union had improved through last December — when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited New York. But since then, not very much has happened, the secretary of state said.

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World-National

Some Jewish "jokelore" for Purim

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The approaching Purim festival causes me to remember a delightful return visit to Toronto by the world's foremost authority on Jewish folklore. The visitor was Prof. Dov Noy of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, an old friend and always a delightful lecturer. This time he spoke on Jewish humor, and his lecture was both instructive and full of fun, filled as it was with tidbits of Jewish humor or "jokelore," as he called it.

Rabbi Plaut

After speaking of the various theories of the nature of laughter and the aspects of incongruity and superiority which may occasion it, he noted that Jews have more jokes of protest against oppressive authority or unhappy conditions than any other people. They have had, alas, plenty of experience with both.

Prof. Noy then proceeded to ask: "What makes a joke Jewish?" and stipulated that it must have one or more of the following elements to merit the description:

The joke relates to Jewish space (that is, a Jewish locus like a shul or the land of Israel);

- It plays in Jewish time (like on Shabbat or Yom Tov).
- It has a Jewish personage at the centre.
- It has a Jewish message.

Here some samples of his Jewish jokelore.

A middle-aged Yemenite, newly arrived in Israel, sees his first elevator. He notices an older woman going in and, after a while, a younger woman coming out. A miracle! he thinks, and at once fetches his wife. She goes into the elevator and a little later exits unchanged. The man is disgusted and exclaims: "Anti-Yemenite discrimination!"

Are there jokes about the recent Ethiopian immigration? No, said Prof. Noy, probably because of the latter's tragic passage to Israel, a journey during which a third of the refugees died.

He recalled three types of Yiddish jokes: they are either erotish, or wennerish, or abortish, and they all amount to the same thing:

Erotish — er-hot-es-shoin gehert.

Wennerish — wenn-er-is gewein young, the joke was already old.

Abortish — a joke mit-a-bort.

Which shows, I suppose, that joke telling was part and parcel of our people's daily fare from days of yore.

And this: Three Jews are caught by their pursuers and condemned to die. They are placed against a wall and given the choice of being blindfolded or not. The first two accept the blindfold, the third one refuses and shouts: "I wouldn't accept anything from people like you." Says one of the others to him: "Moishe, don't make trouble now."

Laughter among tears is in fact a prominent aspect of Jewish humor, and maybe that is why an ancient sage said that, comes the Moshiach, all festivals will be abolished except Purim. He must have had the indestructible and life-giving quality of Jewish humor in mind. Laughter is for always, even when the world will be perfect.

One Jerusalem no longer holds majority

Kollek wins but his party loses

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Teddy Kollek was reelected as mayor of Jerusalem in recent municipal elections, but he is not rejoicing.

The capital, considered a stronghold of Likud, gave Kollek an overwhelming vote of confidence with 58% of Jerusalemites voting "Teddy" as their mayor for his 6th term in office.

But Kollek's own special ticket, the One Jerusalem Party, lost its longtime 17-seat majority in the 31-member city council.

This loss was caused in part by the strong showing of the Citizens Rights Movement-Shinui list, which supports Kollek but chose to run separately.

Moreover, Kollek also failed to get the two council mandates the Arabs customarily gave him in prior elections. Only 3% of East Jerusalem Arabs turned up at the polls, after Palestinian nationalists called an election boycott.

During the next five years, Kollek will have a tougher time running Jerusalem than ever. As tensions among the diverse city's various groups grow, Kollek's party will have to govern with a lean 11-seat presence in the city council — a drop even the worst of pessimists had not projected.

And so the man who somehow kept peace between religious and secular, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, and Arab and Jew, is now faced with a position he had hoped he could avoid: a coalition with the religious parties, who seek to change the religious status quo he has long defended.

Kollek essentially faces the same dilemma that confronted Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir when his Likud party won the Nov. 1 Knesset elections with a very narrow plurality.

The religious parties repeated their Knesset electoral success in the Jerusalem elections. The five religious lists — Agudat Yisrael, Shas, Degel HaTorah, National Religious Party and Emunah Women — will together have 12 representatives on the city council, a result of demography and organizational talents.

The same 40% of Jerusalem's Jewish population that is religious once again demonstrated that it was more skillful than the two major parties — Likud and Labor — in recruiting supporters for their ballots.

But on the record, Kollek promised that his rivals would suffer from ulcers before he would.

Meron Benvenisti, Kollek's former deputy mayor who went on to be Israel's most prominent demographer, went as far as to say that the electoral results of the city council vote do not really matter, since Kollek will run the city as absolute ruler anyway.

Kollek, for his part, promised that local youth would not have to "emigrate" to Tel Aviv on Friday nights because of a lack of entertainment on Shabbat.

But Kollek is also a political realist. He knows that with religious representation of 40%, one must reach an understanding with the religious bloc.

It is still unclear at press time which way the new coalition will go. Kollek is likely to try to form a coalition with the more moderate religious lists — NRP, Emunah and Degel HaTorah.

Partnership with the extremes in both directions presents problems. In an initial reaction following the election, Kollek specifically ruled out a coalition with CRM, which has led the fight against "religious coercion" by the Orthodox. The mayor charged the party had been "divisive and did not speak the truth."

The local Shas leader, Rabbi Nissim Zeev, known for his radical views against Arabs, gave an ultimatum for joining a coalition with Kollek: He would support the mayor only if movie theatres were closed on Friday nights and the status quo on religious observance was rolled back to what it was two years ago.

But despite these misgivings, quiet negotiations continued with these groups as possible partners.

No "on the other hand" if USSR wants true reform

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —
Excuse me, but where are the Russians? Twelve European governments have objected to Ayatollah Khomeini's threat to have the writer Salman Rushdie murdered. The Bush administration, after an unseemly pause (it was undoubtedly studying the matter), has finally spoken up. Even the United Nations, that bastion of moral equivocation, appealed to Iran to lift its death threat. From Moscow, though, has come silence.

The Soviet Union once again finds it convenient to excuse itself from a clear moral issue, even one involving its newly proclaimed area of sensitivity: human rights. (In this case, the right not to be murdered for what one writes.) It finds itself with a conflict of interest: some 50 million Muslims in its own country, not to mention an effort to woo the Iranian regime. To this end, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was in Teheran during his Middle East tour.

Under Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet Union declares itself on the path to reform. It proclaims adherence to basic Western values. Among them are human rights and a certain amount of intellectual freedom. Its press is newly rambunctious, many political prisoners have been freed, dissidents and Jews have been permitted to emigrate and psychiatric hospitals have been opened for inspection. See: Nothing here but certifiable loonies.

Wherever the peripatetic journalist goes, Soviet diplomats, scholars and reporters ooze sincerity: We mean what we say. Help us, they implore. Give us financial credits. Be accommodating and do come to our Moscow human rights conference in 1991. We are once again a member of the community of nations.

Really? Well, if that's the case why doesn't the Soviet Union condemn the ayatollah? Why doesn't it join with Western Europe and unambiguously denounce state-sponsored terrorism directed at a single individual? Why doesn't it condemn a Stalinist mentality wherever it surfaces, whether the murder of Trotsky in Mexico or the call for the head of Rushdie in Britain? Why does it not join with Margaret Thatcher who, after a slow start, finally got angry and yanked her diplomats from Iran?

Ever since Peter the Great, Russia has sporadically attempted to become a part of Europe. Peter created a city for this reason, moving the capital from Moscow to present-day Leningrad — his window on the West. Now the Russians are once again knocking on Europe's door. They want financial credits; they want joint-partnership agreements. They are the Rodney Dangerfields of Europe: Above all, they want respect.

But respect — as opposed to fear — has a moral component. The Dutch have earned that respect. They were among the first to condemn the ayatollah and their foreign minister promptly cancelled a planned trip to Teheran. The Soviets have yet to do so. Not for Rushdie, and not for Vaclev Havel have they yet cleared their throats. The Czech playwright was sentenced to nine months in prison for dissident activities befitting an intellectual. The Soviet press voiced some reservations, but Moscow itself has yet to publicly upbraid the Czechs. In his homeland, Kafka may not be read, but he certainly is lived.

Western governments took some time to react to the bounty Khomeini put on Rushdie's head because his book has deeply offended Muslims. Even some prominent writers were slow to speak up. In our own country, major book chains have removed *The Satanic Verses* from their shelves, treating it, one of them explained, no differently than pornography. We can expect that the Russians, for whom intellectual freedom and human rights are somewhat novel concepts, to react even slower and with more caution.

But the death threat to Rushdie, the ayatollah's raging hate and intolerance, is such an egregious example of uncivilized behavior that even a country like Russia, which under Stalin epitomized amorality, can understand what is at stake. One can empathize with irate and wounded Muslims and endlessly analyze the internal politics of Iran and still come away appalled: A citizen of Britain has been condemned to death by the ruler of Iran. As Tevye of *Fiddler on the Roof* might conclude: There is no "on the other hand."

But Shevardnadze blithely jets around the Middle East, overflying the moral concerns that have put the West in a tizzy. So accustomed are we to Soviet amorality that it seems odd to hold it morally accountable. But joining the community of nations entails an entrance fee — the acceptance of certain moral principles. If Russia is sincere about human rights then now is the time to show it. The "nyet" so frequently heard in the United Nations ought to be shouted in the ayatollah's face.

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Israeli income taxes to rise for those in top bracket

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
The cabinet has decided to raise taxes in the top bracket, despite strong opposition from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Likud ministers.

The majority accepted Finance Minister Shimon Peres' proposal to raise the highest level of personal income tax from 48 to 51%.

The vote, in which the religious ministers lined up with Peres, following a vituperative exchange between the Laborite finance minister and his predecessor, Moshe Nissim of Likud, who headed the Treasury in the previous government.

Nissim, now a minister without portfolio, charged that the measure would erode public confidence in the government's tax policy.

He insisted it was economically and psychologically important to allow people to keep more than half of what they earn.

A key measure of Nissim's economic policy was reduction of the top rate from 60 to 48%.

But Peres accused him of "leaving me with a burned-out economy." He demanded that Nissim "stop breathing down my neck and let me get on with my job."

The defection of the religious ministers from their usual alliance with Likud fueled new media speculation that Labor may break up the present coalition and try to form a narrow-based government with the Orthodox parties.

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Meet at Ontario Region reception

CJC, MPs against upgraded relations with PLO

By
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TORONTO —
The Canadian Jewish community remains generally opposed to the federal government upgrading relations with the PLO, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region chairman Charles Zaionz recently told a group of MPs at the Lipa Green Building.

"We haven't seen actions to match the words and neither has Israel," Zaionz said in welcoming the representatives from all three political parties.

Judging from the reactions of the 20 MPs present at the reception honoring the Ontario members of the 34th Parliament of Canada, it does not appear such contacts will be upgraded with any great haste.

Zaionz outlined the role of Congress to the MPs and thanked the reception subcommittee for organizing the gathering.

The reception was chaired by Marsha Slavens and coordinated by Bernie Farber, director of the political liaison committee. Those on the reception subcommittee included Dr. Jeff Lipsitz, Ron Smith, Monique Pamensky and Cindy Zimmerman.

Slavens explained the purpose of the evening was for the MPs — many still new to political life — to meet the Jewish community and learn about its concerns. At the same time, it gave the Jewish community an opportunity to meet with the elected representatives.

In interviews with The Canadian Jewish News, many MPs generally seemed to be opposed to Canada upgrading diplomatic ties with the PLO (CJN March 2).

Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall maintained that while Canada is currently examining its options on whether to upgrade contacts with the PLO, it has not strayed from its traditional role of initiating new connections with Middle East countries other than Israel.

Still, she said, Canada is not ready to upgrade relations to the ministerial level.

"We think (the PLO) has made some statements which indicate that they are willing to move forward," said McDougall. "I think there is a certain skepticism about how far that goes and we would like some reassurance."

Jim Peterson, Liberal MP for Willowdale, said that if Canada is going to upgrade ties with the PLO, it should be in response to "positive moves" in terms of the peace process and renunciation of terrorism. However, he said, he doesn't believe the organization has gone far enough towards reducing tensions in the Middle East.

"I don't believe their actions have lived up to their words," he said. "We have to expect more out of them in making positive efforts to reduce terrorism."

Herb Gray, Liberal MP for Windsor West, said Canada should be careful on how it proceeds with the PLO issue.

Robert Nicholson, PC MP for Niagara Falls, said regardless of Canada's next move on this issue, it will not detract from our strong, friendly relationship with Israel.

Barbara Greene, Tory MP for Don Valley North, said the PLO will not become a credible group until it renounces its policy of trying to destroy Israel. If they were to allow Israel to exist, then Canada could begin to upgrade contacts. However, she added, this appears to be a long way off.

John Reimer, Conservative MP for Kitchener, voiced a similar view, saying that while PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's "words" are encouraging and in the right direction, they must be accompanied by the appropriate actions.

Maurizio Bevilacqua, Liberal MP for York North, said that if the PLO is to be recognized, it must become a serious organization that wants peace. While the PLO is beginning to show signs of moderation, he added that it must be continually monitored to determine how really serious it is about peace.

Despite the seriousness surrounding the PLO issue, the reception remained an informal event with most MPs welcoming the opportunity to meet with leaders in the Jewish community in an informal setting.

McDougall, Conservative MP for St. Paul's, brought greetings on behalf of the Conservative Party, saying the reception was a "unique opportunity to meet with the Jewish community on an informal basis.

"It's important for MPs to be as familiar as they can, not just with constituents, but with communities they deal with," she told The CJN earlier in the evening.

McDougall brought greetings from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney who said, in a letter, that the reception "provides an opportunity to exchange ideas in an informal setting. We remain committed to furthering our relationship with the Canadian Jewish Congress."

Herb Gray stressed the importance of maintaining contact with Congress as it provides a "balanced voice" in the Jewish community.

Jim Peterson, Liberal MP for the Toronto riding of Willowdale, chats with David Weinberg, director of Research, Canada-Israel Committee, at the reception honoring Ontario MPs.

Neil Young, NDP MP for Beaches-Woodbine, said his party appreciates CJC's continued involvement in the legislative process.

Nicholson, chairman of the Ontario PC caucus, described the get-together as a "learning experience.

"It is always good to have an exchange of opinions between MPs and groups who have a particular point of view."

Harry Chadwick, Tory MP for the new riding of Brampton-Malton, congratulated CJC for organizing the meeting and talked about his visit to the Holocaust Centre in the Lipa Green Building.

"I had an interest in what happened in Europe during the war, but to see it as I saw it tonight was depressing," he said.

John Cole, Conservative MP for York Simcoe, also came away "moved" after visiting the Holocaust Centre.

"It really hits home," he said. "I'm getting to understand where the Jewish people are coming from. The concerns of the Jewish community are well founded."

Greene said the reception was a good public relations move which will serve to increase MPs' understanding of Israel.

Bevilacqua said the reception allowed politicians to meet and learn about the issues facing the Jewish community.

"Until Canadian politicians understand Israel's historical position, it is hard to formulate a stand on the Middle East," said Bevilacqua, who plans on meeting with Jewish officials in the next six months to learn more about the Mideast situation."

Albina Guarnieri, Liberal MP for Mississauga East, welcomed the get-together, saying there should be more of them.

"I support your community and its initiatives," she said. "I will help it in any way I can.

Among other MPs present were: Bill Attewell, PC — Markham; Jesse Flis, Liberal — Parkdale-High Park; Jim Karygiannis, Liberal — Scarborough-Agincourt; Doug Lewis, PC — Simcoe North; John MacDougall, PC — Timiskaming; Beth Phinney, Liberal — Hamilton Mountain; Bob Speller, Liberal — Haldimand-Norfolk, and Joseph Volpe, Liberal — Eglinton-Lawrence.

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CJC calls for action

More anti-Israel literature now found at universities

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Samples of virulent anti-Israel material on university campuses were distributed to members of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress meeting in Toronto recently.

Representatives of North American Jewish Students' Network - Canada (Network) told the executive that the anti-Israel campaign at the universities is an attempt to destroy the identity of Jewish students and to influence the minds of future Canadian leaders.

The bulk of the material came from Concordia University, Montreal, where a 50-page glossy color magazine has anti-Israel material on the front page and in the centrefold, the latter with barbed wire as the borders. Single pieces of literature from McMaster University in Hamilton, the University of Western Ontario in London, and the University of Winnipeg were also shown.

Subsequent debate in the executive revealed that there is a task force of the National Budgeting Committee on who should finance a campaign to offset this material.

"The house is burning and nobody is putting a hose to it," said Max Shecter.

"Absolute apathy" noted

Herb Rosenfeld, president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, said he had talked with members of the Jewish Student Union and Jewish Student Federation at University of Toronto and York University and they assured him there were no problems on campus.

This was challenged by Charles Zaionz, chairman of the CJC Ontario Region, who said there is a "serious problem," and gave as evidence the fact that at the wind-up session of Israel Week at York University, only two Jewish students came to hear a member of Parliament speak, while a much larger group of Palestinian supporters turned out.

"There is absolute apathy among the Jewish students at U of T and York," he said. "The Jewish day school graduates who are there do not step forward. I suggest that the NBC take urgent action. We can't wait for the house to burn. It is a vital problem; we can't wait months for the results; let's accelerate the timetable."

Rosenfeld agreed that the student apathy is a real problem. "We're trying everything, you tell me how to bring the horse to the well to drink. I agree that more has to be done."

"There is a systematic barrage of anti-Israel propaganda across the nation," said Steve Granofsky, national vice-president of Network. "This is not just a student problem."

Martin Hyman, national director of Network, said the 50-page magazine issued at Concordia, appeared to have had the bulk of its material contributed from a PLO front organization in Washington.

Two of the seven items from the Concordia magazine linked Israel to the apartheid policies of South Africa. Its picture of the month carried this caption under the picture of a bandaged child: "Nine-month-old Huda Masoud Munir from Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip lies in the hospital after Israeli soldiers hit her in the eye with a rubber bullet and broke her arm in a raid May 30 at her family's home."

Hyman said Jewish and non-Jewish students are starting to believe the propaganda.

The Network spokesman said they will present an action plan to NBC this summer.

David Satok said something must be done because there are more Jewish students at universities in Montreal, Toronto and London than in all the rest of the universities in Canada combined.

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Ayin Hahaim

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Which reading of the megillah is more important: the evening or the daylight cantillation? This is important to one who is in hospital where the megillah is not read at night, and he is discharged on Purim day in time to hear the megillah once.

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ANSWER: The Shulchan 'Aruch, O.H. Chapter 687:1, knows of no distinction between one and the other. After all, the reason we read the megillah once at night, and once during the day is in remembrance of the weeping and the lamentations of our people scheduled for slaughter who cried day and night. That being the case, there is no difference between them. Both men and women are obligated to hear the reading of the megillah at night and by day.

Rabbi Burak

But, a careful study of the text of Tractate Megillah, 4a, shows some possibilities of differentiation. It is this question on which the ruling in the Code is based. Said Rabbi Yehoshuah ben Levi: "It is the duty of a man to read the megillah in the evening and to repeat it in the day, as it is written (Psalms, Chapter 22:2): 'Our God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou answerest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.'

"The students took this to mean that (the megillah) should be read at night, and the mishnah relating to it should be read and studied in the morning," until it was explained to them that the word, u-leshanosah, means to repeat the reading, rather than to study the mishnah thereof.

Now, why would competent students make such an error?

What on earth would make them think that the megillah should only be read at night, and not by day? The 'Aruch ha-Shulchan, in his opening paragraph on the Laws of Megillah, reminds us that rarely does a mitzvah apply both day and night. A tallis is worn by day, and not at night. And if you will argue that we wear a tallis on Yom Kippur night, remember please that you don it when the sun is still shining.

Only at night

On the other hand, the counting of the Omer is only at night. The special benediction over the matzoh is said only at the seder, at night, and not during daylight hours. While the kiddush is spoken before the Friday evening meal, and before the noon meal on the Sabbath, the kiddush in the evening is de-oraiso, a command of the Torah. The kiddush during the day is de-rabbanan, a rabbinical command.

With this as an introduction we can understand the split between the masters of the halacha as to which reading of the megillah is the more important one. A number of them hold that the reading during the daylight hours is the more important. Here are their reasons for this:

(1) In megillah 4a, in the last tosfos on the page, we are told that the daytime reading is the *ikkar*; it is primary. The Noda bi-Yehudah, volume 1 O.H. responsum 41, cites this Tosfos, and rules that the evening reading is de-rabbanan, but the daytime reading is mi-divrei kabbalah, ordained by the prophets.

(2) The Mordechai on Megillah cites Rabbeinu Tam for the ruling that the daytime reading is the more important, using the same proof as the tosfos. Then comes a new proof: in Megillah, 20b, the mishnah states that one may read the megillah from dawn to the setting of the sun. But, it is silent on the subject of the evening reading. It is also stated there, that since the Purim dinner must take place by day, that's yet another proof.

(3) The Or Zaru'ah ha-Gadol, Laws of Megillah, No. 369, is another of the great authorities who ruled that the daytime reading is the ikkar, and he did so on the basis of Yerushalmi, Megillah, 19b. This is a rare gem. Look it up. It deals with a conversion at sunrise . . . and the megillah reading.

Now that you see that the daytime reading is the more important, make sure to attend on Purim morning. Don't miss it. Everyone seems to attend Purim night. Those who miss that reading because of illness are surely in the clear.

See Birke Yosef on the Laws of Purim, where he states that they need not read it twice on Purim day, if they missed the evening reading because of circumstances beyond their control.

Weizman-Dubinin parley blocked by Shamir

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir forbade Science and Development Minister Ezer Weizman from keeping a Washington appointment with Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin last week.

Ministry director-general Arie Shumer said Weizman, in the U.S. to address an American Technion Society meeting in Los Angeles, would adhere to Shamir's directive and would not attend the Soviet-initiated meeting, at which he was to be handed an invitation from the Soviet Academy of Sciences to visit Moscow.

Shamir explained that to have the meeting now would be "bad timing," and that current official contacts with the Soviets should be limited to those maintained by Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and foreign ministry officials.

Well-placed sources said that the first-ever visit to Moscow by an Israeli minister at this time would undermine Israeli efforts to signal the Soviet Union that it must renew diplomatic relations with Israel if it wishes to play an active role in the area.

These efforts come in the wake of last month's meeting in Cairo between Arens and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, and what is perceived in Jerusalem as the toughening of Moscow's preconditions to full diplomatic relations.

"The Soviets would have scored a major public relations coup — without paying a penny in real terms," a senior official said.

Shamir's intervention in this matter is also seen in Jerusalem as "more than coincidentally" in line with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's reservations about the Soviet role in the peace process.

ADL to track Paraguay Nazis

NEW YORK (JTA) — On the heels of the justice department's announcement that another former Nazi collaborator had deported himself to Paraguay, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported from there that its provisional president has pledged "immediate efforts to locate, arrest and expel Nazi war criminals living in the country."

General Andres Rodriguez made the promise in a March 3 meeting in Asuncion, the Paraguayan capital, with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the ADL's department of Latin American affairs.

Rosenthal was accompanied to his meeting at the government palace by U.S. Ambassador Timothy Towell.

Rosenthal went to Paraguay upon learning from U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.) that Rodriguez was willing to receive information from organizations that track down Nazi war criminals.

Morrison, who is chairman of the House judiciary subcommittee on immigration, refugees and international law, was the first elected U.S. official to meet with Rodriguez.

The subcommittee has jurisdiction over the justice department's Office of Special Investigations, which prosecutes Nazi war criminals in America.

Morrison was invited to Paraguay in January, before the coup that toppled Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, by opposition figures there operating under a group called the National Accord, according to his legislative aide, Paul Donnelly.

In the meeting, Morrison brought up the main issues of concern to the U.S. government regarding Paraguay: human rights, free elections and drug enforcement.

He then added a fourth, on "Paraguay's historic patronage of war criminals."

Book should be banned but author spared, says rabbi

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The worldwide controversy over British author Salman Rushdie and his irreverent novel, The Satanic Verses, has spread to Israeli religious politics.

Last week, Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira called the book "inhuman and immoral" and said the work should be banned from distribution in Israel and elsewhere.

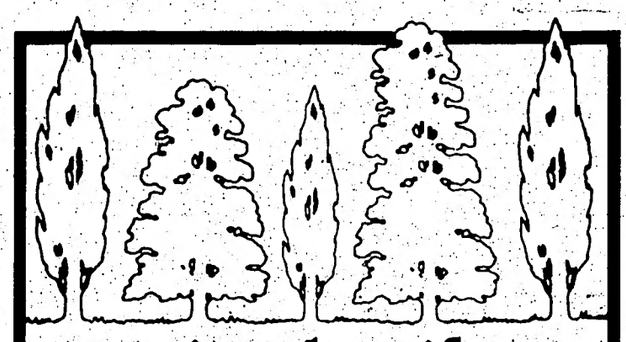
Israel's Keter publishing house announced recently it would rush into Hebrew translation the book that has enraged Moslems the world over and prompted Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to call for the novelist's death.

In an interview with Ma'ariv, Shapira said he understood the distress of observant Moslems throughout the world, judging personally from extracts of the book he had read.

Turning the matter about, Shapira asked how Jews would feel if publication were allowed of a book that denigrated Moses and the Jewish prophets.

Nonetheless, Shapira deferred from advocating Khomeini's death sentence against Rushdie. "That is the work of Khomeini, with whom I disagree," he said.

The Iranian leader is not alone in advocating Rushdie's assassination. Ahmed Jabril, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, has vowed to kill the Indian-born novelist.



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Shahal, Ya'acobi buck party line

Labor ministers urging future parley with PLO

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two ranking Labor Party ministers are publicly urging future negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, despite the fact that the party has committed itself to opposing such a dialogue.

One of the ministers has also given credence to claims made repeatedly by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat that there have been indirect contacts between Israel and the PLO over a ceasefire in southern Lebanon — despite official Israeli denials.

The two ministers are Moshe Shahal, minister of energy, and Gad Ya'acobi, minister of communications, both of whom see themselves as possible future party leaders.

The two have voiced criticism recently of the Labor Party's current leadership and present policies.

Shahal told reporters that "Arafat is very eager for a south Lebanon truce" and is trying to achieve one through contacts via the United States. Shahal said there was evidence that Arafat had ordered his forces in that region to cool down, but not entirely cease, armed action, as long as Israel continues its sporadic air and ground raids.

On the broader Israeli-Palestinian issue, Shahal proposed a new memorandum of understanding between Jerusalem and Washington in which the conditions for dialogue with the Palestinians would include their abandonment of the right of return to the territory of pre-1967 Israel.

If Israel could be sure that the United States would stick fast to that principle, Shahal said he would favor negotiations between Israel and any Palestinians who met the conditions. He spoke of a possible Jordan-Palestinian confederation as the ultimate solution.

Shahal was unequivocal in rejecting any attempted distinction between Palestinians inside the territories and those living abroad, in terms of their political representation.

Ya'acobi, in an interview with the Jerusalem Post, envisaged talks with Arafat if the PLO leader were to be elected by the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians as their representative. He appeared to approve of Arafat and other diaspora Palestinians running in elections in the territories, alongside local candidates.

Ya'acobi said boldly that the "Jordanian option," long the central plank of Labor Party peace policy, is no longer relevant.

Both ministers thereby diverged sharply from their party's past policies and also from the leadership's more recent amendment to that policy: Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's proposal for elections that would produce an indigenous "alternative leadership" for the Palestinians and neutralize the influence of the PLO.

The two appeared to line up with ministers Mordechai Gur and Ezer Weizman, who in recent weeks have also outlined positions that imply eventual negotiations between Israel and the PLO, and do not rule out a form of Palestinian sovereignty, though within a broader framework of confederation.

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More Israeli women than men want talks with PLO: survey

TEL AVIV (JTA) — More than 70% of Israeli women favor direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, compared with 50% of men, according to Prof. Naomi Chazan of the Hebrew University.

The data came from three separate surveys, Chazan said in an address to women employees of the foreign ministry.

A recent opinion poll showed that 54% of the overall population favors talks with the PLO, something Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir repeatedly has vowed will never occur.

Chazan, who heads the university's African studies department, said that until two or three years ago, there had been a common misconception that women's attitudes toward war and peace were similar to those of men. But research shows that there are major differences, she said.

Chazan, and Prof. Galia Golan, a Hebrew University Sovietologist, have been examining women's attitudes for the past 18 months. They found changes since the Lebanon war, when women were more hawkish than men.

They said religious women now seem to be more hawkish than religious men, secular woman more dovish than secular men and better-educated women more dovish than others.

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Meanwhile Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has blasted Peace Now, calling the movement a marginal phenomenon with no impact on political development. He also criticized the media for giving Peace Now "exaggerated" coverage, according to a JPFS report.

"What is Peace Now? A marginal element that can't influence anything. How long can they shout and demonstrate? The reporters will get tired of writing about them," Shamir said.

The Premier charged Peace Now with sabotaging Israel's political and security struggle, which is a battle "for our very existence."

Reacting to the attack, a Peace Now spokesman said: "It is strange that Yitzhak Shamir devotes such a lengthy statement to a movement that he regards as marginal. It is stranger still that he continues to use Peace Now's name when, on trips abroad, he wishes to stress Israel's desire for peace."

The spokesman said there was "panic and fear of the chance for peace" in Shamir's words, "and this caused him to lose his equilibrium. The time has come for Shamir to talk with the Palestinians, who are led by the PLO, and to stop fearing the joint activities of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians who seek peace between the two nations."

Shamir's comments came at an impromptu press conference following an address to the Likud's security and foreign affairs committee in Tel Aviv.

Kosher l'Pesach wine, matzoh OK, say Soviet officials

NEW YORK (JTA) — Signs of Moscow's leavening of its stand on Jewish culture will continue to be felt this Passover. Soviet authorities are cooperating with a New York city council member to ensure that kosher-for-Passover matzoh will be available for the holiday.

Furthermore, Soviet authorities are also allowing the import of kosher Passover wine, which will be sold at reasonable prices.

Konstantin Kharchev, the Soviet minister of religion, and Councilman Noach Dear, cochairman of Joint Committee for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in the Soviet Union, officially launched matzoh-baking activities last week in Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk and Kiev.

Dear said he arranged with Kharchev's consent to have Rabbi Yuri Kamishev and Rabbi Dovid Karpov of Moscow's Marina Russia Synagogue supervise the baking jointly with Rabbi Adolf Shayevitch of Moscow's main synagogue, thus ensuring that the baked matzoh will be acceptable to all Jews in the Soviet Union.

Shayevitch is a state-appointed rabbi, while the Marina Russia rabbis are not overseen by the ministry of religion.

Dear said that the Soviet Union agreed to allow for kosher matzoh "because they earnestly want to improve life in the Soviet Union. After a trip I sponsored a few months ago, they saw that there was no conflict being loyal to your religion and to your country."

The matzoh will be made from 160 tons of flour brought in by truck to the Soviet Union from Strasbourg, France, where it was milled under rabbinical supervision. The project will cost about $200,000.

The shipper is Levi Schmerling of Schmerling Kosher Food in Switzerland.

At a Soviet-initiated news conference at the Moscow bakery, Kharchev thanked the American people and American organizations for helping Soviet Jews. He said the matzoh baked in the Soviet Union this year will be sold at a fair price.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What feast was instituted by Mordechai to celebrate the deliverance of the Jews from Haman's plot to kill them?
2. On what date did the Jews of Shushan celebrate their deliverance from Haman?
3. What is the name of the carnival in Tel Aviv that has been a prominent feature of Purim observance?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Purim (Esther 9:20-22).
2. On the 15th of Adar, know as Shushan Purim.
3. The Adloyada carnival.

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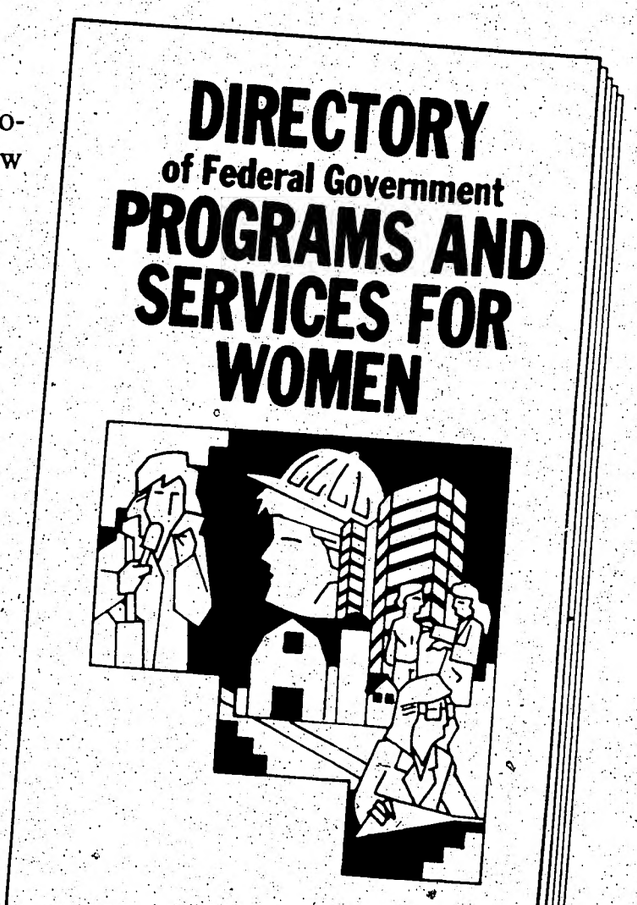

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Situation still being assessed

Ottawa denies contradiction over PLO policy

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

OTTAWA —

There's no contradiction between External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and a senior official at the Prime Minister's office who said last week that Ottawa is not in the process of upgrading relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, say government officials.

There's no plan to change the policy at present, said Gilbert Lavoie, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's official spokesman.

However, Clark is assessing the matter, he said.

"We still don't know if he's going to change the policy. We're going to have to wait and see the results of his work."

Christian Sarrazin, director of External Affairs' press office, also said there was no contradiction.

The statements by the Prime Minister's office were taken out of context in media reports, he claimed.

They were made during a press briefing prior to the Prime Minister's visit to London and The Hague last weekend where he was expected to meet with British foreign secretary Geoffrey Howe and Jordan's King Hussein, Sarrazin said.

At that time, the Prime Minister's chief of staff, responding to questions from the media, stated that the meetings didn't indicate Mulroney was embarking on any process to upgrade relations with the PLO, Sarrazin said.

"There's no discrepancy with that and what Minister Clark was saying," he said.

Paul Frazer, Clark's official spokesman, said Clark has been considering for several months whether more senior officials should be authorized to talk to the PLO.

But no decision has been made, Frazer said in a Canadian Press report.

Frazer's comments followed Clark's statements during a morning radio show last week that the government is considering increasing the level of its contact with the PLO.

At present, the highest ranking External Affairs officials to meet with PLO representatives are directors-general, according to Anne Frenette, External Affairs' media affairs spokesman.

Meetings with higher level bureaucrats such as the associate deputy minister and Canadian ambassadors abroad are forbidden.

"We deal with the PLO on the level of middle-ranking officials," Clark said during CBC's Morningside radio program taped in Toronto.

"We are about the last country in the West to limit contacts to that low level," he said.

"There are very sound arguments that can be made for increasing the level of that contact. We're considering that now," Clark told his interviewer, Peter Gzowski.

Frenette said increasing the level would give "more authority" to the contacts and there may also be more "frankness" in the talks.

But upgrading contacts "would not mean that we would recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people or recognize the Palestinian state proclaimed in Algiers in November, 1988," Frenette told The CJN.

On the radio show, Clark said that there have been important developments in the Middle East and Canada has a role to play in them.

"I do not want us to slip behind in our capacity to play that role."

He said that his department was assessing its policy because PLO leader Yasser Arafat has made some "courageous" and "constructive" peace efforts.

"They may come to nothing, but, so long as they've been taken, I want us to be in a position to try to do something about it. That's not easy."

Lavoie, of Mulroney's office, told The CJN that Clark's statements were "nothing new.

"There is no surprise for us because Mr. Clark has said the same thing since last November."

The last time Clark said that a strong case could be made for increasing its level of PLO contact was in a Feb. 24 press scrum in New York during a visit to the United Nations, Frenette said.

Meanwhile, Sidney Spivak, national chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, an Ottawa-based lobby group, urged the Canadian government not to change its PLO policy, and called on Ottawa officials to closely examine the PLO's actions and leaders' words during the past few weeks.

It would be a "serious error of judgment" for Canada to upgrade its relations with the PLO at a time when the PLO has shown it's increasingly unwilling to follow through on commitments it made in Geneva late last year, said Spivak, a Winnipeg businessman and former leader of Manitoba's Progressive Conservative Party.

Manitoba government fights for prayers in public schools

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Manitoba's provincial government is going to bat in the courts for mandatory daily prayer in public schools. The Conservative government of Premier Gary Filmon is responding to a challenge launched late last year by the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties (MARL) on behalf of an unnamed Jewish parent.

MARL is claiming mandatory religious exercises violate constitutional guarantees of freedom of conscience and religion, freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, freedom of association and equal rights.

Manitoba is the only remaining province still requiring daily school prayer. The Public Schools Act here states that religious exercises "shall consist of a scripture reading, a prayer and, whenever possible, a hymn" derived from Christian sources. In actual fact, religious exercises in most Winnipeg schools consist simply of the Lord's Prayer recited over the intercom systems.

In December, coincidental to the MARL challenge, the province's department of education changed the rules to allow teachers to opt out of the daily prayer exercises but MARL argues that places teachers and students "in impossible positions."

"The new regulations still contravene the Charter of Rights and Liberties," said David Deutscher, a MARL lawyer. "They don't allow for freedom of religion as guaranteed under the charter."

MARL president Errol Lewis, a Roman Catholic, added the new rules haven't changed anything. "Teachers can still be subject to peer pressure to participate," he said.

Some Christian groups have welcomed the government's decision to fight the challenge in court. Opposition politicians however have flayed the government for its decision with charges of insulting non-Christians and wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars in court costs.

"I think the government decision flies in the face of court decisions across the land which found similar laws to be violations of people's rights," said Jerry Storie, NDP education critic.

Liberal Opposition Leader Sharon Carstairs said the century-old Public Schools Act fails to recognize Manitoba's changing ethnic mosaic. She suggests one way to address the problem of school prayer is by presenting readings from a variety of religious faiths.

Considering the changes in government regulations in regard to the issue in December, MARL is amending its original statement of claims, but is still claiming the act basically discriminates against students in that daily religious exercises in public schools contravene the Charter of Rights.

"Our submission is based on freedom of religion including the freedom to have no religion," said David Matas, chairman of MARL's legal committee. "What we have now isn't true freedom because the whole system is subject to peer pressure."

No court date has yet been set. The government is still trying to persuade MARL to take its case out of the courts and to the Manitoba Human Rights Commission for a decision.

"Palestinian state" study draws Likud fire

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Likud leaders have lashed out at the director of a new study that hints at the eventual formation of a Palestinian state as the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Shamir accused Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, of "causing a weakening of Israel's position in the international arena and a strengthening of our enemies."

But Vice-Premier Shimon Peres and other Labor leaders endorsed the main thrust of the research.

The controversy surrounds a report issued here last week by the prestigious think tank that dismisses nearly all of the ideas for peace currently being floated in the Israeli public arena.

In their stead, the Jaffee Center suggests Israelis and Palestinians engage in an extended "confidence-building period" that may or may not end in the formation of a Palestinian state.

The centre also suggests that the Israeli government's refusal to talk with the Palestinian Liberation Organization "does not appear to be sustainable over time."

Shamir's bureau issued a stinging statement accusing Yariv — identified only as "a general" — of gathering information only to back his team's preconceived notions. The statement was subsequently echoed by other Likud leaders and rightists.

Yariv is a former military chief of intelligence and cabinet minister under Laborite Yitzhak Rabin.

Shamir said that an unnamed French army general, "who is objective," told him recently in Paris that after its withdrawal from the Sinai, Israel should not be expected to relinquish any further territory.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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CHUPRIC — RUBENZAHL

I am indebted to two learned readers who have taken the trouble to augment my comments on the above two names with scholarly contributions of their own, which I deeply appreciate.

Michael Madesker, of Downsview, Ont., in an admirable letter traces CHUPRIC to the Polish word CZUPRYNA which means a mop of hair.

F. Rose, of Toronto, suggests that RUBENZAHL may derive from RUBEN (beets) and ZAHLER (counter) to denote a vegetable seller. RUBEN refers not only to beets (red) but also carrots (yellow) and turnips (white). It might be more appropriate to couple counting with "lettuce" or greenbacks.

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By DAVID BIRKAN

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Booze, Broads and Bingo **was launched last week at a cocktail reception in the foyer of Baycrest Centre.**

"It's all about my second life after retirement," said new author Alter Shnell.

A sponsor of the book is the province's ministry of multiculturalism.

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The first annual Live-In Legend Contest will take place June 25, according to a CJN staffer, who recently wrote the LIL's press release.

The contest, also known as the Battle of the Live-In Maids, pits domestic against domestic in athletic competitions to raise funds for the UJA. Events will include:

- A concurrent Swing-the-baby marathon at a number of Toronto area parks.
- Homework Hullaballoo, in which both domestics and their charges review each other's progress in subjects like English and Hebrew.
- Days Off Daze, between parents and domestics, running the gamut of emotions.
- Walk to Manila, a new version of the annual Walk to Jerusalem. (Some participants are reported to be packing their bags for this one, but contest officials say there is nothing in the rules against this.)

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Israeli Aircraft Industries announce its new Name It — Aim It campaign, in conjunction with the developing space program.

"We are about to launch our second rocket," said an IAI spokesman. "Donors will have the privilege of naming it and its successors, as well as choosing the planet of destination."

Readers get priority

CJN readers will be given priority, he added.

Already slated for the launching pad are the Bronfman Bullit, the Koffler Komet, and the Reichmann Ranger.

The IAI, he said, decided against giving its rockets names like Saturn or Apollo because: "After all, how much did Saturn and Apollo ever pledge to the UJA or Bonds?"

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Its new program was described as "the opportunity of a lifetime," by the founder of the Canadian Friends of Western Wall Commemorations.

Only an "oy vey"

Donors can now have their names incised in a variety of sizes and depths on the stones of the wall, she explained.

There was no truth, she added, to the rumor that since the program began the wall could be heard wailing at night. "It gives an 'oy vey' now and then, but that's all."

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Also reported is the addition of three new attractions to the ever-developing Jewish Theme Park, in Toronto: a Dead Sea waterslide, Let My People Go Karts, and Dial-A-Jew.

The latter, ostensibly for some non-Jewish visitors, is an 800 phone-in number with taped answers by leading members of the community to questions like:

- What length do Jews' horns grow to?
- Can you shave with matzoh?
- Will Jews accept the transfer of their state to a national park in Cyprus, Rhodesia, or right here to the Jewish Theme Park?

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Elijah the Prophet will be the featured guest at this year's Council of Jewish Brotherhoods' Mother's Day breakfast.

He will discuss the new Mentsch Immersion Courses for students and parents, to be launched by boards of Jewish education around the world prior to Rosh Hashanah.

Elijah was at The CJN office last week for an interview about his upcoming book *Oy Vey: Not Again*!

"I've seen it all," he said. "But if you play your cards right this time, wait until you see who'll be the council's guest next year."

Guarantees religious freedom

New Italian law benefits Jews

ROME (JTA) —

The Italian Senate has adopted a sweeping law that guarantees religious freedom for Jews and sets out the rules for relations between the government and the Jewish community.

The Senate, in an overwhelming vote, replaced earlier legislation that had governed relations between the state and the Jewish community dating back to the fascist era of the early 1930s.

The new laws, seen as long overdue in this Catholic country, were unanimously approved by the Chamber of Deputies in January. The recent Senate vote was nearly unanimous — there was one abstention.

Senate president Giovanni Spaldolini called the legislation "a significant measure that consolidates the republican tradition of reciprocal respect among diverse religious faiths."

He said this is in contradistinction to developments "elsewhere in the world" that call for "an intransigent and violent fundamentalism."

The legislation, which will be enacted into practice over the next two years, is embodied in 34 articles. It stems from an agreement signed two years ago by the government and the Jewish community here.

Generally speaking, the legislation codifies "the right to freely profess and practice the Jewish religion, individually and in groups, to publicize it and to exercise its cult and rites."

But the new law is specific and respectful of the Jewish religion, dealing with the fine points of Jewish religious observance.

It guarantees recognition of marriages as performed by rabbis.

The new law also recognizes the full right of Jews to observe the Sabbath, "from half an hour before sunset Friday to an hour after sunset Saturday," as well as Jewish holidays.

Jews — and even Jewish soldiers — are thereby guaranteed the right to take off Saturdays, if requested. Any work missed Saturdays, however, would have to be made up.

Likewise, Jewish students will not be required to attend school on Saturday — a normal school day in Italy — if their parents so petition the school authorities.

Nor will Jewish students be required to attend Catholic religion classes given in public schools.

The new law makes clear, too, that there will be no impediment to the full practice of the Jewish religion in civilian life, the armed forces, law enforcement bodies, the hospital or even prison.

This includes the right to request kosher food.

The new law sets out, as well, financial regulations for synagogues and religious activities similar to those imposed on other religious denominations.

Seattle rabbi gets 30 days

SEATTLE (JTA) —

Rabbi Sholom Ber Levitin, director of Seattle's Chabad House, has been sentenced to 30 days in a halfway house for his role in a $25 million worldwide money-laundering ring.

Levitin, 42, also was fined $10,000 and placed on three years probation by U.S. District Court Judge John Bissell in Newark, NJ. Bissell suspended a 2-year prison term on the condition that Levitin not commit a crime during probation.

Levitin, who also serves as regional director of Chabad for the Pacific Northwest and rabbi of Congregation Shaarei Tefilah-Lubavitch here, pleaded guilty in December to conspiring to avoid federal currency reporting requirements. He could have been sentenced to up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Levitin told Bissell in court he believed he was helping oppressed Jews in Argentina, South Africa and Iran emigrate to Israel with their assets.

"I want to express my remorse for what has occurred," said Levitin, whose parents, wife and three of his nine children attended the March 1 sentencing. "I've devoted my life to helping others who may be less fortunate."

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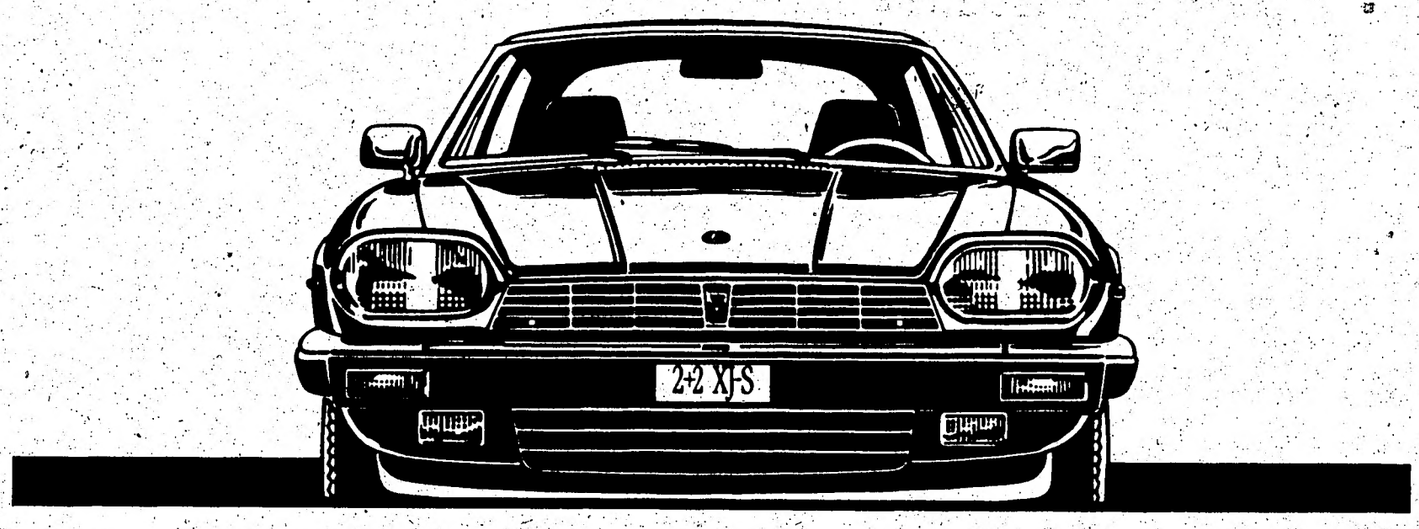

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Protecting the elderly

Respect for the aged is one of the cornerstones of Jewish tradition. Each year during the High Holidays worshippers utter the prayer "Al tashlekheni b'et ziknah," — "Do not abandon me in old age."

One of the regrettable tendencies that can be discerned among provincial and federal think tanks entrusted with formulating social policy for the 1990s and beyond, is both a lack of respect for the elderly and an utter disregard for their vulnerability.

Senior citizens in Canada are once again (the first time was in the early days of the first Mulroney government) targeted by financial "experts" who advocate cuts in old age security pensions as a means for balancing Canada's national budget.

A trial balloon suggeting a means test is one of the first volleys to be fired in this latest campaign against Canada's elderly. This idea is based on two fallacious principles.

The first is that the old age pension is not a right but rather a privilege accorded Canada's senior citizens thanks to enlightened government policy.

Wrong! It is a right flowing from contributions that Canadians have been making through their income taxes since OAS became universal in the 1950s. To deny those benefits is tantamount to government participation in fraud.

Second, it has been shown countless times that a means test requires an expenditure of funds far greater than any savings that might accrue from its administration. It would be a bureaucratic nightmare trying to monitor the means mechanism.

Every constituency in Canadian society lobbies vigorously in its interests: automobile drivers fight proposed insurance hikes, diabetics oppose increases in drug costs, doctors and dentists mount pressures to protect their own interests and organized labor guards its own jurisdiction.

Who protects the seniors and the pensioners who face rental increases and property tax raises of staggering proportions when their financial resources are fixed and, in terms of the cost of living, diminishing? Who will speak on behalf of the elderly at the prospect of the value added tax now being proposed in Stage 2 of the reformed Income Tax Act?

We think that the Jewish community through its national agencies — B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress — has an obligation to speak out in defence of those in Canadian society, Jews and Gentiles, whose labors built this country and who, in retirement years, have to face financial constriction and the lowering of their living standards.

This is an item which must be placed immediately on the Jewish agenda because the plight of the elderly in Canada is not merely a social issue; it is a religious concern.

Media coverage

In this, the 15th month of the intifada, we note that media coverage has become somewhat more balanced. The sensational headlines about the "wickedness" of Israeli troops have been retired and more in-depth background articles have appeared exploring the complexities of the Middle East.

Despite this improvement, the lack of perspective and the selective indignation which characterizes the anti-Israel bias of much of the intifada coverage continues. This is seen especially in the almost daily enumerating of the casualties.

In the two days of rioting which occurred recently in Venezuela, government troops killed more than 500 demonstrators. That carnage was reported in the media without editorial comment or moralizing about the brutality of the Caracas police.

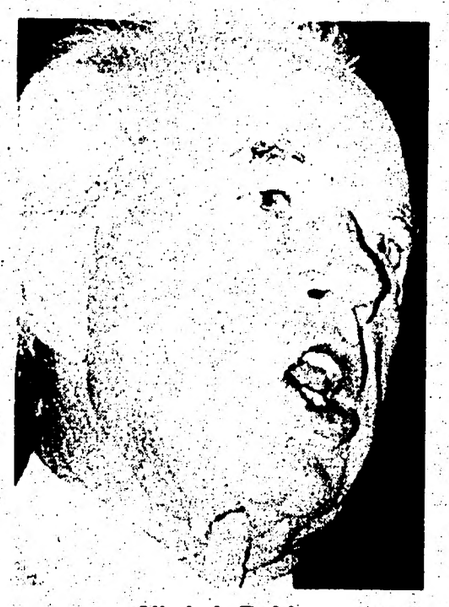
William Safire pointed to the unbalanced reporting on Israel in one of his recent columns in The New York Times when he observed: "Compare the local casualties with those in a better-covered area: 280 Palestinians and 12 Israelis were killed in the intifada during 1988, which brought world condemnation of Israel; 372 Americans, all but 8 non-white, died in that same period on the streets of Washington. And that 1988 murder rate here has nearly doubled so far in 1989."

No UN resolutions have yet been produced to condemn the authorities in Washington or Caracas for permitting these outrages. Nor has Amnesty International or other human rights agencies issued reports denouncing these attacks against civilians. Yet Israel's much more measured responses to an insurrection attracts only censure.

When one gauges the behavior of the Israel Defence Forces which has been under daily assault by kidnappings, ambushes, rocks, and Molotov cocktails, it appears clear that it is an army which has demonstrated exemplary restraint. It is not surprising that so many Palestinians have died — but so few.

Time for sober optimism

Peace process gets stronger



Yitzhak Rabin

Shimon Peres

Yitzhak Shamir

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It was, to say the least, one of the understatements of the year.

In a recent interview, Israel's foreign minister, Moshe Arens, said: "The peace process in the Middle East is one which moves at a glacial pace."

Arens, of course, is right. The Arab-Israeli dispute, so entrenched in the region's body politic, simply does not lend itself to immediate panaceas. The psychological, historical, religious and cultural divide is such that one can usually assume the worst from the parties to the conflict.

Of late, however, there has been diplomatic movement of a kind that hasn't been seen since the heady days of the 1978 Camp David Accords and the 1979 Israel-Egypt peace treaty:

• PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, having accepted Israel's existence, embraced United Nations Resolution 242 and renounced terrorism, has called for direct negotiations with Israel, while his deputy, Abu Iyad, has said unequivocably that the PLO accepts a 2-state solution.

• Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, has barnstormed through the Middle East, signalling Moscow's intention to play a constructive role in the area. The Middle East was high on the agenda when Shevardnadze met James Baker, the U.S. secretary of state, last week.

• Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has stepped up his efforts to promote an international peace conference — a concept Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir views with deep suspicion.

• Shamir has proposed that the Soviet Union and the U.S. "launch" direct Arab-Israeli talks and voiced his interest in a settlement in the territories under which the Palestinians would receive limited autonomy and Israel would withdraw from Arab population centres.

• Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's defence minister, has called for a truce in the territories, to be followed by elections and the establishment of a Palestinian self-governing council empowered to negotiate with Israel and Jordan.

• Sentiment in Israel is evolving toward acceptance of Israel-PLO talks, despite a solemn vow by the government not to do so. Science Minister Ezer Weizman has advocated such contacts and Finance Minister Shimon Peres, who still maintains a keen interest in foreign affairs, has said he would not examine the "biographies" of Palestinians delegated to negotiate a settlement with Israel. Amidst all this, Israeli private citizens and politicians alike are talking to Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip who are either members of the PLO or sympathetic to its goals.

The process of de-demonizing the PLO in Israel may well have begun. "We Israelis must face the harsh possibility that total and permanent resistance to any dialogue with the PLO may turn out to be the equivalent to diplomatic deadlock and a permanent *intifada*, with all the dangers inherent in both those conditions," writes Abba Eban. "The harsh fact is that the struggle against the legitimization of the PLO has been effectively lost."

Moshe Arens

• Next month, in Washington, President George Bush plans to confer in separate meetings with Mubarak and Shamir, who is expected to unveil Israel's long-awaited peace plan.

The momentum is the result of a confluence of events — the Palestinian uprising in the territories, the decision by King Hussein of Jordan to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank, the drift toward realism within the PLO, the new face of Soviet foreign policy, the renewed effort by the European Economic Community to defuse the tinderbox that is the Arab-Israeli imbroglio, the advent of a fresh U.S. administration, and the formation of a second national unity government in Israel.

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The *intifada* has had the effect of focusing world attention on the gnawing Palestinian question. As long as it rages, the Middle East will be in the spotlight. For eight years, the Gulf War preoccupied the Arabs — so much that, at the 1987 Arab summit in Amman, the Palestinian question was definitely a secondary one. With Iraq and Iran observing the 1988 UN ceasefire, the Arab-Israeli conflict is no longer on the backburner.

Drift to realism glimpsed in PLO

sein — who shares the longest land border with Israel — must ultimately be involved in peace talks. By severing official ties with the West Bank, he let it be known in unambiguous terms that the PLO is responsible for the fate of the Palestinians in the territories. In one stroke, King Hussein thereby killed the Israeli Labor Party's last great hope to bypass the PLO — the vaunted Jordanian option.

Jordan's historic move was a factor in the PLO's decision to face the sobering reality of Israel's existence. If the fragmented PLO can close ranks, present a united front and repudiate the 1968 National Covenant calling for Israel's destruction, Israel may have no choice but to confront the new situation positively.

Like the PLO, the Soviet Union has had to face up to mistakes. By cutting relations with Israel during the Six Day War, the Soviets ensured themselves of impotence in the scramble to influence the peace process decisively. In the past few years, Moscow has attempted to rectify that colossal error by establishing lower-level ties with Israel. However, as Shevardnadze noted in Cairo recently, full relations will have to await Israel's acceptance of at least an international peace conference.

In the interval, Moscow will do everything it can to convince Israel that the Palestinian problem cannot be left to fester. As Shevardnadze put it: "Even the pyramids may some day disappear, but not the Palestinian demand for a homeland."

A fairly significant development that could bode well for the peace process is the involvement of the European Economic Community in the search for a just and lasting settlement. Not since the 1980 Venice Declaration has the EEC displayed such determination. The foreign ministers of Spain, Greece and France have gone on a fact-finding mission to the Mideast; Moshe Arens has visited London and talked with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; Yitzhak Shamir has paid a state visit to France and held talks with President Francois Mitterrand.

The U.S., the most important external player in the diplomatic game, has advanced prospects by opening a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO. But Bush and his team have not followed up the Reagan administration's initiative, and adopted a rather detached view so far. It will take some time for the U.S. to really get enmeshed in the process.

Israel, too, appears in "no hurry," as Shamir revealed last month. But if Israel wants to blunt the PLO's successful diplomatic offensive, it will have to come up with a credible peace plan which is not a merely repudiation of Resolution 242. As things stand, Shamir is the only Western leader who rejects the territory-for-peace formula inherent in Resolution 242.

By all accounts, Shamir intends to unveil a warmed-over version of the Camp David Accords. But, given the Arab view that they're outdated, Shamir may just be playing for time.

Nevertheless, a new, hopeful era has dawned in the often murky universe of Middle East peacemaking. There is a sense of momentum in the air, and the sober optimism that it engenders may not be out of place.

Opinion

Moslem fundamentalism emerges in Israeli politics

By
GIL SEDAN

UMM EL-FAHM (JTA) —
The weary representatives of the various parties, sitting at a conference in the mayor's office here, kept rechecking their figures, rubbing their eyes, and uttering time and again: "It is unbelievable, just unbelievable."

Indeed, as recent municipal elections poured in from polling stations in Israel's second largest Arab city, the data seemed unreal.

The victory of the Islamic bloc was sweeping. One ballot after another showed a victory of some 75% for the fundamantalists, which would ultimately give them 11 out of 15 seats on the town council.

It is a meteoric rise, out of the blue. The Islamic bloc is a newborn political baby, hardly known in the Israeli political arena until now.

And yet, in a knockout election campaign, the Moslems managed to put an end to the 14-year rule of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, a front for the Hadash Communist Party.

Umm el-Fahm, whose population numbers 25,000, was not the only Arab locality where the Moslem fundamentalists won a sweeping victory.

They also took over Kafr Kasim, in the central region, and Kafr Kanna, in Galilee. And they became the second strongest party in the partly Christian town of Nazareth.

In short, Moslem power became a new factor in Arab-Israeli politics.

Although not even their most enthusiastic supporters predicted such a victory, euphoria was in the air.

Cars carrying the green flag of Islam travelled all day through the narrow alleys of this crowded Arab town, astride the main road from Hadera to Afula. They would not permit anyone to evade voting.

As the muezzin called worshippers to noon prayers, it sounded as if he also called them to prepare for the victory celebrations.

Here and there, cars bearing photographs of other candidates were seen. At times, they seemed to follow the tracks of the Islamic bloc cars shyly, as if their drivers knew, too, that it was a lost cause.

Just opposite the town hall, supporters of the small radical Abnaa el-Balad group sat at their headquarters, as if in mourning.

Five youths were chatting with a middle-aged man, almost afraid to confirm that the worst of their fears was about to materialize.

"They are lying to the people, but the people want to believe them," said one youth, as he cracked sunflower seeds.

"They soak in money," added the middle-aged man. "With that much money, one can buy anything."

Indeed, a few yards away stood the living monument to Moslem grandeur: a huge community centre, with a mosque on top, now in the process of being built.

It is funded entirely by donations. "Where exactly do they raise this money?" asked another youth.

The new community centre, spreading over 1,500 square yards, was the most impressive project of the Islamic bloc, but not the only one.

In the past 10 years, the bloc has provided the local population with cheap medical services, a rich library and huge sums of money for local welfare projects, such as a chain of kindergartens for children under 4.

Moslem fundamentalist efforts became even more noticeable because of the ineptitude of the Communist-led municipality.

"I am not religious," said Abed, a principal at a local junior high school, "but I voted for the Islamic movement." He said it was a must to get rid of Hashem Mahamid, the Communist mayor.

In fact, hatred of the Communist administration seems to have been a chief motive for the massive support for the Islamic bloc.

After years of frustration with both Labor-led and Communist-led municipalities, the local population finally found an alternative, which had proven itself in local volunteer projects.

But Israeli leaders had a different interpretation. A number of public figures, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Ehud Olmert, the minister in charge of minorities, expressed concern over the rise of Moslem fundamentalists.

Olmert issued a statement warning Israel's Arabs not to be caught by the web of Moslem fundamentalists, who are "hated throughout the world." He warned them they might tip the delicate balance between Jews and Arabs in the country.

Labor Knesset member Raanan Cohen, former head of Labor's Arab department, went as far as to consider outlawing the Islamic movement.

But Shmuel Toledano, former advisor to the Prime Minister on Arab affairs, said reaction to the success of the Islamic bloc was exaggerated.

Israeli Arabs cast their ballots. [IPPA photo]

"This movement cannot compete with the Communists," he said. "Ministers and Knesset members are trying to frighten the State of Israel on this issue. After all, it was only in four Arab locales that the Moslems made some gains," Toledano said.

The truth is that no one really knows who is behind the movement that took over Umm el-Fahm. It was formed about 10 years ago under the leadership of Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, and has since engaged itself industriously in social projects.

The election campaign was effective in its simplicity. The message was: "Islam is the solution."

The Moslems promised the complex problems of Umm el-Fahm are surmountable, even without government assistance. Volunteer work will replace it, they promised.

There was hardly a trace of nationalist propaganda, so common among the Communists. The Moslems convinced the voters to cast their ballots for them by concentrating on solving local problems first.

Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, the leader of the Islamic bloc in Umm el-Fahm, is only 30. He is a graduate of the Islamic College of Hebron and, until now, an unknown figure in Israeli politics.

He reminded those who attacked him for being a fundamentalist that his father is a retired police officer and his brother a senior police officer. With such background, he implied, one cannot be too extreme in one's views.

As the final election returns were counted, the surprise was total: Sheik Raed had won the support of 75% of the 10,800 voters.

The authorities and the Moslems are now eyeing each other suspiciously, each not quite certain how the other side might react.

The Moslems are well aware that the authorities are watching them. A step in the wrong direction might result in a tough government response, as Olmert hinted.

The test case will be March 30, the day when Israel's Arabs commemorate Land Day, a day of protest against the government's policy toward Israel's Arabs. It remains to be seen how Umm el-Fahm will behave on that day under a Moslem leadership.

Purim reminds us . . .

Miracles recognized in Jewish thought

By
RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

The festival of Purim (starts March 20) derives its name from the lots that Haman cast when ascertaining a favorable date for the destruction of the Jews. And it is for a good reason that, out of the entire episode, this fact should be given significance.

For the drawing of lots gives a clue to the character and state of mind of the person who reports to it. He is motivated by the belief that everything happens by chance, and he is willing to gamble on his chance.

Rabbi Korolnek

It constitutes a negation of belief in the divine governance of the world. If everything happens by chance, there can be no room for Divine providence in the world of man.

Haman used this method of decision because he believed that men's lives can be made or unmade by the toss of a coin. He was convinced that there was "neither justice nor judge" in the world to call him to account. The centuries that followed produced many would-be imitators who espoused the self-same philosophy.

Purim was chosen as the name of this festival to reveal the hollowness of this claim. It was intended to show the Jewish people and the world that nothing is left to chance. Behind the scenes, and unbeknown to man, in the seemingly insignificant and unconnected incidents of human life, a divine hand is at work to shape our future and guide it towards His goals.

It is perhaps, for this reason, that the special prayer we recite on Purim is prefaced by the "Al Ha-Nissim" paragraph. "We thank thee for the miracles of salvation that Thou has wrought for us in those days and at this season."

Why appeal to miracles when nothing of a miracular nature took place? There is no single incident in the Purim story that does not lend itself to a purely rational explanation.

The answer is that Jewish thought recognizes two types of miracles. There is the miracle that is open and manifest. It is obvious to anyone who is privileged to witness it.

The plagues of Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea belong to this category. The rabbis comment that at the crossing of the Red Sea, even a "maid servant" who lacked spiritual depth easily recognized that here no ordinary events were taking place.

But there is also the miracle of the concealed type that cannot easily be recognized on the surface as being from God. It is only when we look back with hindsight and see how events have added up to form a pattern of salvation, that we recognize that the Divine finger has been at work.

It is the kind of miracle to which we refer in the Amidah when we thank God "for Thy miracles are daily with us. . . ." For the eye of faith can be assured of their existence with the same certainty that attend the manifest miracles of God.

This, then is at the heart of the Book of Esther and the Purim story. Miracles do happen, and God is always part of the historical process. One great man once said: "A Jew in Israel who does not believe in miracles is not a realist." Like Mordechai and Esther, we fulfil our task when we lend ourselves to be the instrument through whom the victory of right over might comes about.

On being a visible minority

By
ELAINE KAHN

Once upon a time, in the land of Shushan, an anti-semite named Haman came out of the closet and rushed straight to his king, Ahawhatsis, demanding the execution of all the Jews in the kingdom.

The king refused, because he had just read in the New York Times book review magazine that Jewish writers, as a distinct ethnic group emblematic of their people, were all the rage, so he didn't want to be drowned in mulled wine at the next court orgy and bingo night.

Haman, knowing patience was often the quickest way to get what one really wanted in a tough situation, bided his time. Within a decade, the media and the neighbors assured him that Jews were no longer an ethnic group but were, be still my heart, bona fide members of the establishment.

Haman returned to his king with the same demand to kill the Jews.

Ahawhatsis again refused. He told Haman Jews were a visible minority. "Funny, he doesn't look Jewish," was standard cocktail party chitchat and the kingdom's caricaturists showed, day after day on the funnies pages, that Jews had big noses, grasping hands and apelike hair quite distinct from the rest of his subjects.

Haman waited longer. Finally, "funny, he doesn't look Jewish" was heard only in the teeniest whispers in downtown pool halls and the caricaturists had inexplicably turned their pens to countless renderings of quails.

This time, Ahawhatsis acquiesced to Haman's request to kill all the Jews. Only the king's wife, Esther, could save her people.

"Funny, you don't look Jewish," Ahawhatsis said, before granting the Jews a temporary respite and hanging Haman.

Whew!

But how many times can we luck out like that?

Even without reports about a rise in anti-semitism in Canada, I would be nervous these days, having been assured by many sources that Jews are no longer an ethnic group and never were a visible minority.

Personally, I liked being an ethnic group — bagel restaurants proliferated during that period and Robin Williams and Steve Martin got laughs, using Yiddish, from middle Americans who had never met a Jew, but weren't too fussy about them anyhow.

And I'm quite sure the Establishment doesn't believe we are part of it, even if one does read that claim in all the best places.

Until my husband convinced me, as part of the schmaltzy shtick necessary to get me in front of a camera for our wedding pictures, that looking Jewish was not awful and he'd kill me if I passed a differing view onto any offspring, I was not too crazy about being part of a visible minority. But now that it brings with it proliferating government protections and long overdue sensitivity training in the general populace, I wouldn't mind having Jews defined under that rubric.

Being fair to visible minorities is currently a major megillah. I've no problem with that. I not only detest prejudice, but think Jews should be leaders in the fight against it, even when it means working with people who have been (or, often still are) prejudiced against Jews.

Leaving Jews outside any protected species category chills me. Because, if we are not an ethnic group, a visible minority or the establishment, then what are we?

Jews.

Real alive Jews.

And I know the world is still not ready for that.

Opinion

The incredible experience of a Holocaust survivor

This Jewish boy served as a soldier in Hitler's army

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"Sometimes I don't believe it myself," Nachemia Wurman confessed. "But when I think about it, I can see myself in the uniform. It's like a picture in front of my eyes."

Remarkable stories have come out of World War II. But few, if any, can rival the uniqueness and intensity of Wurman's.

Wurman, a Polish Jew who lost his parents and two brothers in the Holocaust, was a soldier in the German Army. A Jewish boy in Hitler's Wehrmacht? Impossible! Yet, astonishingly enough, true.

Wurman, a Toronto resident, was inducted into the Wehrmacht in the summer of 1944 — the year one of his brothers, Eliezer, a partisan commander, fell in a pitched battle with the Germans. Wurman was a member of the Headquarters Company of the Seventy-Second Fusilliers Battalion, a reluctant volunteer in the armed forces of a nation which committed unspeakable atrocities against European Jewry.

The life of an ordinary human being usually does not encompass an experience as bizarre and amazing as this one. But Wurman not only wore the uniform of the Wehrmacht. He was also a partisan and a spy. And he formed a rare friendship with a German soldier who saved his life.

Now 62, Wurman has written a book about those days — *Nachemia: German and Jew in the Holocaust (New Horizon Press, $21.95 U.S.)*

The book, which is described by Yad Vashem as "an excellent document and distinguished contribution to the field of research in the history of the Holocaust and the resistance movement," had been percolating in Wurman's mind for more than three decades.

In 1954, he submitted a 30-page brief to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyr's and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. Several years later, the survivors of Kurov, his hometown, published a memorial book in which his role as a Wehrmacht soldier was noted. In the 1960s, the Yiddish-language Forward of New York ran a series of articles about him. Six years ago, Wurman was mentioned in six pages of a book on Polish Jewry, *From A Ruined Garden*. Then, browsing through a library in Toronto, he stumbled upon his name in a book entitled *Anthology On Armed Jewish Resistance, 1939-1945*.

It was not until 1978, however, that he ever gave serious thought to writing his own book.

He and his family — his wife Gloria (Golda) and three children, Hanna, Sara and Avi — were watching *Holocaust* on TV. "The kids asked me if all this had really happened. Compared to what I had gone through, *Holocaust* was a picnic. Then the kids said, 'Why don't you write about it?' I hesitated. I was busy with my business (Wurman is a real estate developer), and besides, I'm not a professional writer. But as I thought about it, I decided it was very important for the young generation to know that Jews didn't only go to the slaughter as sheep. A lot of Jewish partisans died. Somebody had to tell their story."

Imbued with this sense of determination, Wurman started writing his memoirs in his mother tongue, Yiddish. After finishing the manuscript about four years ago, Wurman had it translated into Hebrew, and thereupon, submitted it to a Tel Aviv publisher. He liked it, but urged Wurman to have it published in English to reach a larger audience.

Having translated it into English, Wurman took his manuscript to several Canadian publishing houses. "They never even bothered to read it. I was upset." Still others weren't interested in yet another book on the Holocaust.

Deeply disappointed, Wurman withdrew his manuscript. "Maybe I was in too much of a hurry to publish it."

Attending a bar mitzvah in New Jersey, Wurman told his cousins, Ted and Ethel Shuster, about his abortive attempt to become an author. They said they knew a freelance writer and editor. The person in question, Margaret Russell, read Wurman's manuscript and pronounced it interesting but in need of revisions.

For the next 12 months, he and Russell labored over the manuscript, whipping it into shape.

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Wurman was born in Kurov, a small town 80 miles southeast of Warsaw and 20 miles west of Lublin. This was farming country, and one of the farms in the area belonged to the family of Poland's present leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Henoch, Wurman's father, was the proprietor of a bookshop, founder of the local Mizrachi Zionist chapter and the only Jew to sit on the town council. Sarah, his mother, was the proud mother of Chania and Chaike (who survived the Holocaust and live in Brooklyn today), Moshe (who perished toward the end of the war) and Eliezer.

Heinz Klockmann...in 1944.

Henoch Wurman... in 1934

Nachemia Wurman today

Eliezer Wurman as a partisan

The Wurmans were not lucky. After their home was bombed by German airplanes, the family was dispersed. They endured satanic hardships — an impoverished ghetto and a grueling labor camp. In the chaotic tragedy, his father was murdered. His mother was killed in Auschwitz. Escaping from the labor camp, Wurman joined a group of Polish partisans under the name of Tadek Kovalski.

"I'm here to fight," he informed the commanding officer. Wurman was animated by vengeance.

He was elated upon being accepted. "I was beside myself with excitement. Two days before I was in a death trap. Today I was a partisan — a fighter."

On his first mission, he participated in a successful raid during which a German motorcycle unit was wiped out and a freight train carrying ammunition was blown up.

The Germans retaliated by mercilessly bombing the remote forest where Wurman and his fellow partisans had their base. They also sent in Russian troops who had defected to the German side.

Fleeing the terrible onslaught, Wurman first found shelter in an underground bunker that resembled a grave and then, literally, in a doghouse.

A Pole betrayed him, and Wurman was captured by the Germans. Wurman, Masquerading as a Catholic, was interrogated by a military policeman who was solicitous toward him. "He brought me bread, and said to me: 'Hold fast and don't give up.' I wondered why he was so kind. I couldn't believe my ears."

The mystery was resolved in 1945, after Germany's defeat. Polish security police, having caught a German gendarme who claimed he was a Jew, called in Wurman. In amazement, Wurman recognized him as the gentle soul who had questioned him a year earlier.

"I don't even know his name," he said. "And I can't tell you how he got into the German police."

After escaping from the clutches of the Germans, Wurman made his way toward Russian lines, believing he could survive the war there. Stumbling upon a German field kitchen, Wurman, now desperately hungry, asked a middle-aged soldier for coffee. He handed Wurman a thick slice of bread slathered with currant jam, and a mug of coffee.

"When the soldiers dispersed, the German — Michel was his name — began to clean up. I went over and asked if I could help. He seemed to like me." Wurman identified himself as Marion Schmidt, an ethnic German.

The long and short of it is that Wurman/Schmidt was taken on as a kitchen hand. He hoped that the camp's proximity to Soviet lines would enable him to cross into Soviet territory.

After a while, Wurman met a non-commissioned officer from Hamburg, Heinz Klockmann, who was several years older. Klockmann asked him if he wanted to volunteer for the German army and serve as his private adjutant. "Seeing no way out, I agreed. He gave me various papers to sign. Two days later, he called me into his office and told me happily that he had received his captain's approval to enlist me as a German soldier."

Wurman recalls the moment he donned the uniform of the Wehrmacht. "It was a dream. Like the one in which I'd watched people plunging to the depths of the ocean. But it wasn't a dream. It was the insane reality of an era of horror and brutality. It was, more important, another step in my survival."

As a recruit, Wurman ran the field kitchen and, twice a week, did guard duty during which he carried arms. "The worst thing for me was raising my hand and saying Heil Hitler. I also served as the company translator. During a roundup, I came across a Jew who was being hidden by a Gentile. I managed to save him."

At one point, after an officer informed Klockmann that Wurman was a Jew, his life hung on a thread. Klockmann dismissed the accusation by telling the man to mind his own business. Later, Klockmann confronted Wurman. "Tell me the truth, Marion. Are you a Jew?" Wurman was stunned. Before he could reply, Klockmann said: "I know, Marion. I've known for a long time. But you are not a Jew, a Pole, a German or a volksdeutsch — whatever — to me. You are a human being, like me. I am not a Nazi. I shit on them. I know what *scheiss* Hitler has done to the Jews — to your family, probably. He is a criminal. He has brought Germany to disaster."

Klockmann assured Wurman he had no cause for concern. "It's okay, Marion. As long as I'm alive, you are okay."

Wurman's affection for Klockmann didn't prevent him from supplying vital information to local partisans that enabled them to steal ammunition from a German dump. To this day, Klockmann knows nothing about Wurman's extracurricular activities as a partisan spy. "He'll find out when he reads my book," he said.

Just as Klockmann saved Wurman's life, so did Wurman rescue him from what could have been a fatal situation. On Dec. 31, 1944, following a New Year's party, the inebriated Klockmann fell into a deep snowdrift. Wurman alerted the guards and they pulled him out before he froze to death. "Well, Heinz," Wurman told him. "That makes us even, doesn't it?"

On Jan. 12, 1945, as the Russians bore down on the Wehrmacht, Klockmann's unit was ordered to withdraw back into Germany. Wurman accompanied the withdrawal as Soviet reconnaissance planes circled overhead and then rained down bombs on the convoy.

"I heard that the Russian army was 10 kilometres away, and that the Germans were surrounded. I decided to go along no further. I went to a Christian Pole to get civilian clothing." He encountered a Russian patrol. They noticed the German uniform under his clothes. "They wanted to shoot me, but I convinced them that I wasn't a German." A Jewish officer in the Russian Army confirmed Wurman's real identity.

On Jan. 18, 1945, he was freed. Shortly afterwards, in a poignant meeting that words can barely convey, Wurman was accidentally reunited with his sister Chania, who, he thought, had been killed. Then he returned to Kurov for a visit. "I didn't recognize the town. It looked like an abandoned cemetery."

After the war, in Germany, Wurman worked in a secret operation funneling Jewish refugees from Europe to Palestine. He immigrated to Israel in 1950, and became the Israeli agent for a group of European investors. "We formed a company that concerned itself mainly with real estate and construction." In 1957, his company undertook to build the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv. Wurman signed the contract with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and American envoy Ogden Reid.

In 1967, Wurman settled in Canada. By then, a "huge portion" of the company's business was in Canada.

Wurman never forgot Klockmann. In 1946, he had looked for him in Hamburg. "No one knew him." In 1947, he searched again. "I was sure 100% he was dead." In 1981, while writing *Nachemia*, he resolved to make a third attempt. Thanks to an acquaintance, he located Klockmann in Hamburg, where he owns an inn.

Wurman phoned Klockmann, and, satisfied that he was the soldier he had befriended in Poland, arranged to meet him in Hamburg. The reunion was tearful, and in the course of it he discovered that Klockmann had been a prisoner of war for five years in the Soviet Union.

He and Klockmann, who still refers to Wurman as "Marion," exchange letters several times a year. In May, Wurman plans to visit him again. Before he goes to Germany, he will try to convince Yad Vashem to confer the title of Righteous Gentile on his friend. Whether or not he succeeds, Wurman intends to invite Klockmann to meet his family in Toronto.

Despite his feelings for Klockmann, Wurman remains bitter about Germany's central role in the Holocaust. "I will neither forgive nor forget." Wurman's bitterness is such that he will not buy German products. "I can't help it," he said.

But Wurman will always be grateful to Heinz Klockmann, the decent German who plucked him from the jaws of death.

Opinion

Returned on coldest day of year

It's great to be back home !

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As all my steadfast readers know I'm not among those simpletons who swoon at the mention of Florida as a winter vacation spot. Then why do I go there for the last five winter seasons? The answer is the same that I offered to you after every sojourn to that winter Mecca of U.S. Jewry:

J. B. Salsberg

I never did and I still don't go there of my own free will. I'm dragged there screaming by my well meaning, good friends from Toronto.

They plot, scheme and resort to every kind of maneuver that helps them to get me away in the midst of our glorious winters and to incarcerate me in the debilitating dungeons of Florida.

What's even more humiliating is that they lengthen the imprisonment year after year.

This year they took advantage of my naivete and hoodwinked me into signing a lease with their choice of an apartment and, trustingly, I even signed a check for half of the amount before I was due to begin my Galut Florida!

Having invested so much how could I back out? I couldn't and didn't.

Oh, yes, my band of friends proudly informed me that they were successful in getting for me a condominium that "has an unobstructed ocean view from my 15th story window." What could be more tantalizing?

I stood for hours at my window and saw nothing but the ocean, in all its moods, touching and receding from the sandy shoreline in front of my residence but I couldn't see the tip of the immensely high Eiffel Tower of Paris or the tip of, the equally high, Tower of London. In short, I was taken for a ride, and by my best friends yet.

And thus it happened that with my money unreturnable, I had no alternative but to soldier on, as they say. And soldier on I did.

With the above information in mind my sympathetic readers will appreciate my elation on that sunny and warm midday, when my brother-in-law, Sidney, drove me from my detention in Hollywood, Florida, to the liberating gates of the nearby airport, from which I was to fly, like a bird out of a cage, to the inviting, snow-covered hills and vales of our country, Canada, that proudly bears the well-earned title of Queen of the Snows.

By the way: Without any effort on my part an attendant came to my seat as soon as we became airborne and smilingly informed me that I will be served a kosher lunch. How did that good news follow me even when I changed my air schedule? Wonders of the computer age! I bet that my kashrut preference, that my travel agent determined, is now recorded on the world-wide computer system of world travellers! Wow! (In Lagov, Poland, where I was cradled, "they never knew of such things," as my mother used to say, "and it was better that way," she also added.)

Well, I no sooner reached the exit door of our Toronto airport than I fully realized the joys of winter. Suddenly, I felt fully alive again! My nostrils twitched with pleasure as they savored the clear, clean, North Pole air. After all, it was the coldest day in years. . . .

Unfortunately it was too late to go dancing with joy up and down the snow-covered ice patches that covered stretches of the sidewalk on Bathurst St., the glorious main thoroughfare of Toronto Jewry's heartland. But I rose early the next morning and made myself, what I believed to be, properly equipped to embrace my Bathurst St.; my people; and my favorite feeding spots that still retain the old Spadina flavor.

But life is not as simple as I would like it to be. I thought that I was dressed for the occasion, but "people" thought otherwise.

What, they asked in surprise, a fall coat? It's winter, man, it's winter; get that winter coat on. I tried to resist but they fought on. What, such a light summer suit? No shawl or scarf? No rubbers? I pleaded that if I followed their instructions I would be unable to walk up and down Bathurst St., unable to shake the hands of my people, and deprived of dropping in on my favorite haunts. What was the use of coming home? But, it was, like my mother used to say; "go and talk to the wall, it never answers." So I surrendered.

Completely "winterized" by social pressures and, therefore, vastly reduced in physical mobility, I got into my ancient but loyal automobile, drove off and stopped at my regular stop-overs where I walked about, shook hands, entered my traditional refreshment stations (all non-alcoholic) and everywhere there were clusters of our readers who wanted to know what I really thought of Florida. Jewish Florida or the State of Florida, U.S.A., I asked. Both, they replied.

As for Jewish Florida, the winter capital of world Jewry, I have commented on that image of Florida in the past. But I really never touched the Florida that while differing from most other states of the American Union, also reflects very dramatically the dishevelled, rawhide image of rough and tumble America.

Perhaps it's time to say something about that aspect of America.

Will try to do so next week.

Good to be back.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SATANIC VERSES vs PROTOCOLS

Muslims throughout the world, including many Canadian Muslims, are outraged by Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses* believing it to be blasphemous.

Certainly, they are better qualified to so judge it than the non-Muslim members of the customs department.

I, a Toronto-born Jew, agree wholeheartedly. I believe most fair-minded Canadian citizens would share my view that the suggestion made by a spokesman for the Muslim community (who recently I viewed on television) is valid.

He suggested that a number of Muslims meet with the customs department to point out the blasphemous passages, which might categorize the book as being hate literature, thus banning it from Canada.

There is no question that, if the infamous anti-semitic *Protocols of Zion* were to rear its ugly head in Canada, we Jews would be infuriated and demand that it be banned on the grounds that it is hate literature.

Most liberal-minded people will agree that on any contentious issue, "one should always put one's self in the other fellow's shoes."

Cyril H. Rosenthal
Toronto

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LET'S BRAND SMOKERS "CADS"

It's now 385 years since James I of England described smoking as: "A custom loathsome to the eye, hatefull to the nose, harmful to the braine, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fume thereof, neerest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

King James spoke a mouthful of truth.

Not much has changed since other than the spelling of his words.

I suggest that anyone who supports the rights of smokers to pollute our air ought to be required legally to append the initials "C.A.D." after his or her name.

That title stands for "Companion of the Angel of Death."

Rebecca Liff
Ottawa

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PALESTINIANS AREN'T REFUGEES

Re Judith Weisman's Feb. 23 letter headed "Slams sleight of mouth":

I oppose her bleeding-heart complaint claiming that the Palestinians living on the West Bank should legitimately be classified as refugees.

I can't recall her sending you a similar letter about the plight of Jews in Syria.

For her information, the West Bank is a conquered territory. It is not occupied. This territory was conquered by Israel and, as the saying goes, "to the victor go the spoils."

If the West Bank is occupied, so is Canada, the U.S. and Latvia. To the best of my knowledge, Canada was conquered from the Indians, but nowhere is Canada referred to as "occupied." It is only when Israel conquers that the territory is referred to as "occupied."

I might add that I am totally against the kid-glove attitude of the Israeli government and would suggest that this revolt be put down in a strong and, if necessary, brutal manner. The Arabs only understand strength. As long as Israel uses rubber bullets, this revolution will continue to fester.

Kek Rosenblatt
Montreal

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WEST BANK RIGHTFULLY OURS

Judith Weisman is wrong when she claims in her letter that the West Bank rightfully belongs to the Arabs.

It is rightfully ours, not because of what happened in Biblical times, but because, in this century, we reclaimed it from wasteland.

And then the Arabs came. And we lost it.

Not the other way around, Judith. Not the other way around.

Louise Cornblum
Toronto

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BIBLE CALLS GAYS "ABOMINATION"

Has the Bible been rewritten?

The Bible, which I have been long reading as an 84-year-old senior citizen, clearly states that homosexuality is an "abomination" in the eyes of Yahweh, our Creator (Leviticus 18:22); that women should not wear men's clothes and vice-versa (Deuteronomy 22:5).

We know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-26).

We are not to speak of such subjects, let alone practice them (Galatians 5:19-21).

Are we not inviting Yahweh's wrath (which is manifest around the world Ephesians 5:6), when we even consider debating such an issue?

Gladys Barrett
Guelph, Ont.

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DEPLORES SEXIST DIVORCE LAWS

Re your Feb. 2 editorial headed "A sad commentary on Jewish law":

You point out that a recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court has been widely hailed as a victory for Jewish women who have been refused a religious divorce document (known as a get) by vindictive husbands.

It is indeed a sad commentary that secular courts have to interfere with halachic law. It is a sadder commentary that the secular law has recognized equality for women before traditional halacha has.

Halachically, only a man may give a get, creating the potential problem of agunot, a problem affecting only women. A man may deliberately and spitefully withhold a get from his wife, leaving her in limbo for as long as he wants to.

To solve the problem of agunot, why not allow women to initiate and give gets as well as men? By inserting a clause into the law, "When *either spouse* wants a divorce . . .," the problem of agunot is eradicated by two words!

The secular courts of most Gentile nations allow either spouse to divorce the other. Why does Israel, "a light unto all nations," still refuse to recognize that divorce is not solely a male's prerogative.

As long as this inequality exists in halacha, it is indeed a pathetic commentary on Jewish law.

Rivi Joel
Toronto

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Toronto Jewish Congress Archives has this photo of Sgt. Fred B. Harris and is custodian of his World War II decorations.

ARCHIVES HAS PHOTO

Your Feb. 16 issue contained an article about Sgt. Fred B. Harris, who was killed in the invasion of Normandy in 1944 and whose grave in the Canadian cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer is cared for by a local family.

You were looking for information about his family.

Harris was the son of Dr. Wiliam and Tillie Harris.

Dr. Harris was a well known general practitioner in Toronto who lived at the corner of Beverley and Baldwin.

Fred, who was only 23 when he was killed, had volunteered for active service virtually at the outbreak of the war.

The Toronto Jewish Congress Archives is the custodian of Sgt. Harris' decorations, as well as the medal awarded to mothers who lost children on active service in the war.

I thought your readers would be interested in seeing a photograph of Fred Harris.

Stephen Speisman
Director, Toronto Jewish Congress Archives
Toronto

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SAYS QUEBEC STORY ERRED

I found your recent travel article about Quebec City to be full of errors — unusual for The CJN and your travel writer James Montagnes.

I am a Quebecer and was the 3rd generation born in that lovely old city.

I descend from Henry Joseph, mentioned in the article. I am the family historian and am considered to be well-informed.

I wrote the articles in the *Canadian Dictionary of Biographies* on both Henry Joseph (who, by the way, never lived in Quebec) and his son, Abraham, who did, and prospered in that city.

Annette R. Wolff
Montreal

Editor's note: The writer fails to spell out the errors. We'd like to know what they are.

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SHE COMPLIMENTS CONFERENCE

I'd like to congratulate the coordinators of the Feb. 19 Conference on Anti-Semitism in the World Today held at McGill University.

I was present at this gathering, sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, and I thought it was extremely well-planned.

As a bonus, we were stimulated by diverse opinions expressed by participants. Congratulations to the steering committee and chairmen!

Mia S. Gladstone
Montreal

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THANKS FROM WAR AMPS

The War Amputations of Canada would like to thank you for your Nov. 10 article on our programs and activities.

We are grateful for the effort you've made to keep readers informed of what The War Amps is doing to assist today's amputees. By keeping our programs before the public, you are, in effect, serving to keep them alive.

Margaret Melenhorst
Ottawa

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DEPLORES "PARDON" OF NAZIS

I was shocked by a recent report in the Dutch Canadian Bi-Weekly.

It said a majority in the Dutch parliament voted to "pardon" and expel to West Germany two convicted Nazis, Franz Fischer and Ferdinand Aus der Fuenten, who were imprisoned 43 years ago on a life sentence for their roles in the deaths of thousands of Dutch Jews during World War II.

Who would have thought that Holland, the country which we believed was our ally, would show signs of becoming fascist by forgiving its war criminals.

Reva Lawry
Toronto

World-National

For resettlement in Israel, U.S.

UJA launches $75 million fund for Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The United Jewish Appeal has officially launched a special campaign to raise $75 million to resettle Soviet Jews in the United States and Israel. (See CJN March 9.)

The campaign, to be called Passage to Freedom, was formalized at a meeting of UJA campaign officers and the heads of agencies most severely affected by an enormous influx of immigrants.

Specific plans for the campaign remain sketchy, but are expected to be worked out among various Jewish fund raising and service agencies over the next few weeks.

The first major events of the campaign could begin as early as the first week in April, according to Raphael Rothstein, vice-president of UJA, who provided details of the new campaign.

The campaign is a response to the largest Soviet Jewish emigration in 10 years. If emigration levels reached in January and February are maintained through the rest of the year, more than 30,000 Jews could be let out of the Soviet Union in 1989.

Local Jewish federations are often responsible for most of the services needed by Jewish immigrants, from English classes to housing to health care.

With increasing caseloads and declining federal dollars available for refugee resettlement, Jewish welfare agencies and federations say they face financial chaos without the transfusion of additional funds.

Passage to Freedom thereby becomes the first campaign in the memory of many fund raisers in which the UJA will be collecting funds to be redistributed for domestic needs.

Ordinarily, UJA raises funds primarily for services in Israel and, on a smaller basis, the overseas relief activities of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

But UJA does have a tradition of helping immigrants. It funds the activities of the New York Association for New Americans, which handles almost 50% of all Soviet Jews who enter the United States. A founding body of the UJA was the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees, NYANA's predecessor.

The special campaign will be run by local federations, who will raise money and turn it over to the UJA. Fund raisers are expected to ask for donations in cash, rather than pledges. In order to make money immediately available for resettlement.

UJA officials agreed to the special campaign — requested by federation leaders — on the condition that it would not cut into their already dipping annual campaign. Last year, UJAS collected $357.8 million, compared with $372.2 million in 1987.

Half of the funds raised in the special campaign will be available for domestic needs and half for overseas needs..

The overseas portion will include money for the Joint Distribution Committee and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Both provide services for Soviet emigrants when they arrive at migration facilities in Western Europe, and both are reporting huge deficits.

The 50-50 split was insisted upon by the UJA and its major beneficiary, the Jewish Agency for Israel, as a way of protecting the integrity of the UJA as a fund raiser for Israel and enhancing Israel as a destination for Soviet Jews.

Israel and the Jewish Agency remain bitterly disappointed that only 10% of the Soviet Jewish emigrants in recent years have chosen to make aliya. The Jewish Agency maintains it will need at least $39 million to absorb those who do come to Israel, and to maintain facilities in hopes of attracting even more.

Local federations are not bound to take part in the campaign, but most of the close to 180 federated communities in the United States are expected to do so, according to UJA's Rothstein.

3rd Jew running in Alberta election

By JEFF ROSEN

EDMONTON —

A third Albertan Jew has thrown his hat into the political ring for the province's March 20 provincial election.

Lawyer Phil Lister, 45, is running as a Liberal candidate in Edmonton-Strathona, currently held by NDP MLA Gordon Wright.

Lister, who ran in the last provincial election, said he is taking another stab at politics because he is upset about the government's budgeting priorities.

Campaigning in a mixed income riding which includes the University of Alberta and University Hospital, Lister said the government is making budget cuts which will hurt the health care and education systems.

"If budget cuts are necessary, they should be from corporate bailouts," said the father of three.

Lister criticized the timing of next week's vote, which comes only 33 months into Premier Donald Getty's 5-year term.

He speculated this was done to enable the premier to get it out of the way before introducing a tough budget.

It also allowed Getty to "cut (Liberal leader Laurence) Decore off at the knees" before he could establish himself as Liberal Party leader. Decore was elected as head of the Alberta Liberal Party last October.

"I think Decore has turned the party around and has given the Liberals dynamic leadership," he said.

Although there are no outstanding Jewish issues in this election, Lister said there are three synagogues serving about 6,000 to 7,000 Jews in this province's capital.

Phil Lister

The other Jewish candidates in next week's election are Sheldon Chumir, Liberal MLA for Calgary-Buffalo, and Karen Leibovici, Liberal candidate for Edmonton-Jasper Place.

Chumir was first elected in the 1986 election. He supports his party's position against government funding of private day schools.

Leibovici found residents in her riding are concerned about the riding's infrastructure and are questioning the premier's decision to call an election so early in his mandate.

Leibovici is married and has one 2-year-old son. She is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, where she obtained degrees in social work and business administration.

At dissolution, Getty's Conservatives held 61 of the 83 seats in the legislature, the NDP under opposition leader Ray Martin held 16, the Liberals had 4 and the Representative Party had 2.

Kosher eatery in Moscow

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Moscow's Jews will soon be able to eat at a kosher restaurant, to be opened shortly under the direction of one of Israel's leading chefs.

Moroccan born Shalom Kadosh, who is the executive chef of the Jerusalem Sheraton Plaza hotel, said the restaurant would specialize in the type of French kosher food of which he is an expert, but that he would also serve traditional East European dishes and specialties.

Financed by American Jews concerned about the absence of a kosher restaurant in Moscow, the restaurant will not be geared to making a profit.

Although Kadosh expressed optimism on the opening of the eatery, he could not say exactly when it would open.

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By JOHN SYRTASH

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Question: My husband and I are separating. He wants joint custody of our two children, aged 7 and 9. What does this mean? Will the courts force me to share custody?)

I have asked a colleague, Gene Colman, of the law firm of Teplitsky, Colson to answer this question. He is an authority on the issue of joint custody and a member of the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Family Law.

Answer: (Mr. Colman): "Joint custody" can imply different things to parents (and to children) who suffer marital separation and divorce. When someone asks for joint custody, he should clarify what he or she really wants. Is it "equal time," "equal say" or a combination of the two? Joint custody certainly implies that the parents share equal responsibility for and control over the upbringing of their children at least as this relates to major decisions.

Joint physical custody is in reality "shared" or "divided custody." However, no single list of criteria will satisfy the demands of every case.

There are numerous ways to arrange joint physical custody. Parents can live in close proximity with the children, moving freely between the two residences on a daily basis or according to a prearranged schedule. Alternatively, the children remain in the matrimonial home with the parents sharing pre-set time in the home. It is a matter of working out the arrangement that is best for the children.

Prof. Howard Irving and Michael Benjamin of the University of Toronto's school of social work have concluded in their research that shared parenting is a viable custody option for most parents who select it. Irving and Benjamin argue that the courts should usually order joint custody and if the parents simply cannot agree, then the courts should have the power to force parents into mediation.

There has also been some movement in the political arena. Last year, Etobicoke's MPP Jim Henderson introduced into the Legislature a private member's bill that would have implemented the recommendations of the Irving/Benjamin study. And in the U.S., 35 states had joint custody laws by the end of 1987. For example, Colorado recently passed a joint custody statute which gave the courts the authority to order joint custody absent the agreement of both parties. Canadian courts have made some tentative steps towards joint custody. However, most of these cases involved situations where the parents had already agreed, either in writing or tacitly, to share the responsibility for child care.

It is my view that we first need to know more about the effect on children of joint custody court orders. Unwilling parents who have never shared responsibilities following their separation, may make poor joint custodians. On the other hand, those parents who are able to place the needs of their children above their own, and are able to cooperate around issues affecting the children, may be able to work within a joint custodial framework.

NAHON conference attended by over 100

TORONTO —

More than 100 students from across Canada and the United States recently attended the 4th annual convention of the North American High School Organization (NAHON).

The 3-day education and training event exposed participants to a wide range of issues concerning Jewish students, says a NAHON news release.

Topics included Soviet Jewry, assimilation and inter-dating, and Israel's current situation.

Speakers included John Rothmann, former advisor to former U.S. President Richard Nixon and an expert on Middle Eastern affairs; Oren David, Israeli consul to Toronto; and Simcha Jacobovici, one of the founders of Jewish Students' Network Canada.

NAHON also elected a new national executive.

Canadian executive members include Shawna Rose, national chairman; Dan Magder, policy advisor; Jill Borodin national coordinator; Pam Scheininger, national administrator; and Karynne Naftolin, treasurer.

Casino owner held Hitler parties

Nazi memorabilia leads to fines

LAS VEGAS (JTA) —

In a case that has attracted nationwide attention, the Nevada Gaming Commission has fined Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino owner Ralph Engelstad $1.5 million, but declined to revoke his gaming licence in connection with his private collection of Nazi memorabilia and birthday celebrations in honor of the Nazi leader, Adolf Hitler.

The Las Vegas businessman was accused of harming the image of Las Vegas and the state of Nevada through his secret maintenance of an artifacts room, his sponsorship of two elaborate parties for employees to honor Hitler's birthday and the alleged printing of bumper stickers claiming "Hitler was Right."

The Nevada Gaming Control Board had filed the complaint with its parent commission, requesting a $400,000 fine and suspension of Engelstad's licence.

The commission exonerated Engelstad on other charges of an unrelated matter, concerning the alleged destruction of thousands of hotel security and personnel records in order to obstruct a civil lawsuit.

Engelstad consistently has denied destroying the documents or printing the bumper stickers in question.

Neither Engelstad nor his attorney, George Dickerson, returned phone calls to their office.

Regardless of the commission's decision, Norm Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish Federation in Las Vegas, reported that the community relations and executive committee has vowed that "we won't visit his hotel," as Engelstad has been "more than insensitive. Our committee can't speak for others, but as far as we are concerned, we will not be visiting his hotel."

Since the eruption of the controversy last September, Engelstad has issued two public statements apologizing for the Hitler parties as "insensitive" and in "poor taste," and has described his gathering of Nazi artifacts as a legitimate financial outlet for his interest as a collector of historical items.

The Imperial Palace is renowned for its displays of valuable, antique automobiles that include Hitler's 1939 Grosser Mercedes 770K parade car.

Located along Las Vegas Blvd., in the heart of the casino resort district, the hotel has 2,700 rooms and employs over 2,000 workers.

Canada, Israel topic at meeting

TORONTO —

Perceptions in Canada of Israel and its problems emerged as the major issue discussed at the recent annual meeting here of B'nai B'rith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

Guest speaker Hugh Segal, Progressive Conservative Party advisor and chairman of Tact Inc., gave a talk on Canada's Middle East policy to members of the Institute which is comprised of academics, lawyers and members of the community with expertise in international human rights issues.

Segal emphasized the strategic importance of Israel to the West and discussed the problems and possible remedies for Israel's image problems in this country.

Addressing the issues and perceptions affecting the pro-Israel lobby in Canada, Bob Willmot, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee focused on issues of particular concern to the CIC at this time.

He dealt with Canada's votes at the Security Council and the reports regarding pressure on the government to increase its level of contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Shoel Silver, chairman of the Israel affairs committee of the Institute, spoke about a media monitoring study soon to be underway by the committee to analyze the coverage of Israel by the CBC and CTV national broadcasts.

Ottawa historian Alti Rodal provided a report on the non-governmental organizations — external affairs department consultations in preparation for the 45th session of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

She commented on a report by the Canadian Council of Churches which was particularly critical of Israeli action in the territories. As a result, a meeting is being sought with the Middle East Working Group to discuss our concerns with the report.

Morley Wolfe, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee provided an update on Soviet Jewry activities. Most important, he said, was the news that the Rabinovitch family, on whose behalf the Committee and B'nai B'rith lodges have been working, have been granted their exit visas from the Soviet Union.

Prof. Aurel Braun of the University of Toronto shared Jerusalem's concern that the attrition rate was a significant loss to Israel but explained that it must be understood in the context of life for Jews in the Soviet Union.

Members agreed that while glasnost is allowing Jews to leave the Soviet Union, the priority must be to get them out and allow them to live freely wherever they wish.

Prof. Paul Marantz of the University of British Columbia emphasized the need to do whatever possible to get as many Refuseniks out and stated that pressure on the Soviets has a positive impact. He also cautioned that the current changes in the Soviet Union are, as yet, fragile and that should the political climate change Jews will be adversely affected.

Of concern to the Institute has been Canada's new refugee legislation. David Matas, a Winnipeg refugee lawyer and legal counsel for the Institute, discussed the manner in which the legislation is being implemented. He argued that the legislation is still problematic to the extent that it is easy to make mistakes but hard to correct them.

Toronto lawyer Marvin Kurz reported on a brief currently being prepared by members of the Institute that will be used as a basis for discussion with the department of external affairs on issues of concern to the Institute that relate to Canada's involvement at the UN.

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The Gold-Rimmed Glasses

Italian anti-semitism is the theme of new film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
TORONTO —

Whenever the subject of Italian cinema and the Mussolini era comes up, I think of that poignant dirge, *The Garden of Finzi-Contini*, which established a standard for excellence that has rarely been surpassed.

Based on a novel by Giorgio Bassani, the Italian Jewish author, *Finzi-Contini* was set in the city of Ferrara in the final years of the Mussolini period, and dealt with an aristocratic, somewhat aloof Jewish family unable to cope with the twin dangers of fascism and anti-semitism.

Its would-be competitor, *The Gold-Rimmed Glasses*, Bassani's second novel about Italian anti-semitism, has been adapted for the screen under the same title. Scheduled to open at Cineplex Odeon theatres on March 17, it, too, takes place in Ferrara.

The time is 1938, the year the anti-Jewish race laws were introduced in Italy. It isn't clear whether *The Gold-Rimmed Glasses* unfolds before or after Nov. 17, the date of this regressive legislation. Neither, I might add, is it even mentioned. A viewer unfamiliar with Italian history is left to wonder what is going on, a curious oversight at best.

The Gold-Rimmed Glasses turns on the evolving relationship between Dr. Fadigati (Philippe Noiret), a physician who is a closet homosexual, and David Lattes (Rupert Everett), a Jewish student from an upper-class background.

A scandal, namely Fadigati's open dalliance with a male student (Nicola Farron), isolates the doctor. As his esteem in the eyes of his prudish neighbors plummets, he forms a still closer, albeit purely platonic, friendship with David, whose parents cluck disapproval.

Rupert Everett and Valeria Golino in The Gold-Rimmed Glasses

It's an interesting conceit: the homosexual and the Jew as victims of the Italian fascist state. And it's not an overwrought comparison, since fascism persecuted, and exterminated, gays.

The mounting sense of doom, insofar as Jews are concerned, is foreshadowed in several scenes.

•As a dismissed Jewish professor descends an elaborate staircase in a university, fascist students shout in unison, "Out with the Jews, out with the Jews..."

"Reason will prevail"

•At the dinner table, David's complacent, though concerned, father assures the family that Italy is not like Nazi Germany and that "reason will prevail."

•Appearing before a university examining board, David, an honor student, is shocked to learn that he has been given a barely passing D grade. "Is it because of my abilities or my name?" The answer is self-evident.

•David's Jewish girlfriend, Nora (Valeria Golino), consorts with a fascist leader in full regalia, and later, informs David that she intends to convert to Christianity.

In no way does *The Gold-Rimmed Glasses* measure up to *Finzi-Contini*. It lacks emotional depth, which is probably its most serious flaw. Giuliano Montaldo's picture exists in a vacuum. It fails to involve a viewer. I felt a yawning distance between myself and the protagonists.

There is a lack of character development. The people in *The Gold-Rimmed Glasses* are strangely lifeless. Instead of pathos, we often have to put up with bathos — particularly in a scene when Fatigadi's dog abandons him.

And the language is stilted. It doesn't flow. The words back up awkwardly.

For all its earnestness, *The Gold-Rimmed Glasses* is relatively hollow and, I might say, pretty much predictable. In short, it's a second-rate version of *Finzi-Contini*.

Self-styled Holocaust historian on tour

Irving sparks storm of protests

By PHIL FINE and REESA AARON

FREDERICTON —

About 30 members of this city's Jewish community staged an orderly demonstration outside the Fredericton Inn here last Friday night to protest the presence of David Irving, a British writer who claims there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz or Treblinka.

The protest followed an appearance by Irving earlier in the day on the Atlantic Television Network during which he claimed there was no photographic evidence for the gas chambers at the camps. The broadcast was carried throughout the Maritimes.

Irving's Fredericton appearance was only the latest in a series of talks the controversial writer has given across Canada. Earlier in the week, he spoke at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier hotel and, a day before, at Toronto's Donau Schwaben Club. Two appearances — one, at Carleton University in Ottawa; the other, at the Royal Military Institute in Toronto — were cancelled after a storm of protest from Jewish groups.

Irving told approximately 65 people at the Fredericton Inn that the gas chambers were an invention of British war propaganda and that Hitler repeatedly stretched out his hand to help the Jews. The British author was supposed to devote his speech to his latest book, Churchill's War, in which he argues that the British Prime Minister deliberately prolonged World War Two to further his political career.

Irving was booked into the motel after a scheduled appearance at the Monsignor Boyd Centre, a Catholic community hall, was cancelled earlier in the week. An autograph session for the book at the University of New Brunswick book store last Friday was also cancelled.

Irving, who testified last year on behalf of Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel, also told his Fredericton audience that Churchill had the backing of Jewish financiers.

At the Chateau Laurier, Irving was met by approximately 150 placard-carrying demonstrators, many of them members of the Ottawa Jewish community.

The protesters, who yelled "One-two-three-four, no more Nazis any more," tried to disrupt the lecture which at one point was postponed because of a bomb threat.

Irving told his audience he doesn't deny the existence of the Holocaust but does question whether it claimed the lives of 6 million Jews. He also said he accepts forensic tests which purportedly show that gas chambers did not exist in concentration camps.

His statements drew angry protests from several listeners.

"I saw the ovens; I saw the gas chambers," one man shouted.

"Who do you think won the war?" yelled another audience member.

CJC applauds move

Irving's Carleton speech was cancelled after the history department chairman was reportedly told of Irving's public repudiation of excerpts from his own books showing that Jews had been exterminated during World War II.

"The history department does not want to lend our university's name to someone who denied the historical fact of the Holocaust," said chairman R. Carter Elwood.

The Canadian Jewish Congress applauded his move.

"The decision by your department not to give Mr. Irving a credible platform will go a long way in ensuring that those who...specifically deny the Holocaust are unwelcome intrusions on the Canadian way of life," wrote Joseph Wilder, chairman of CJC's national joint community relations committee.

B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights also praised the decision to cancel Irving's speech.

"We are pleased that the University is willing to react positively to legitimate concerns voiced by students, faculty and the community," said League president Harry Bick.

Stephen Victor, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, said the Carleton administration itself deserves the credit for denying Irving a platform.

"The university reached its decision to cancel the lecture for academic reasons," said Victor, adding that pressure came primarily from history department members and from Carleton's student association.

At the Donau Schwaben Club, Irving told approximately 450 clapping, cheering people that Zundel's assertion there were no gas chambers in Germany during World War II would be proved correct.

Paul Morris, Irving's publisher and the man who rented the hall, told one newspaper most of those who turned out were not club members and that notices advertising the speech had been run in community papers such as the Deutsche Press.

Irving was reportedly mobbed by autograph hunters after his speech.

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Action aimed at Soviet officials

Four go on hunger strike

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Four Soviet youngsters aged 12 to 16 joined their mothers in a recent 3-day hunger strike to protest Soviet officials' refusal to grant their families exit visas.

The group — Jewish Women Against Refusal — held the fast in conjunction with International Women's Day. Forty-six women participated in Moscow, Leningrad and seven other Soviet cities.

"For us, this is rather a sad moment because it shows that this life in refusal is so unbearable that even the children themselves decided to join the women in the hunger strike," said Inna Ioffe Uspensky, a Moscow member of JEWAR.

The 56-year-old biologist made the comments in a special 20-minute phone call made at Metro Chairman Alan Tonks' former 2nd floor office at Toronto City Hall.

Tonks, along with Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe and Soviet Jewry activist Wendy Litwack, took part in the call. The event was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee.

They were joined by about 20 members of the CJC committee, including co-chairman Marsha Slavens and vice-chairman Joyce Eklove, as well as members of the media.

The Soviet Jewry group had originally planned to call JEWAR member Judith Lurie, who has been trying to emigrate since 1979.

But when committee co-chairman Litwack reached Lurie's home in Moscow, Lurie's husband, Emmanuel, told the disappointed group that his wife wasn't home.

Inna Ioffe Uspensky

The group also tried to reach Karmella Raiz, a Vilnius member of JEWAR, who wasn't home.

Inna told the crowd that glasnost — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new policy of openness — has not helped her family's situation, and there's still no sign of an emigration law in the USSR.

The Uspenskys — including Inna's biologist husband, Igor, 51, son, Slava, 20, and Igor's retired biologist mother, Irina Voronkevich, 76 — have been trying to immigrate to Israel since 1979. They want to join Inna's brother, Alexander Ioffe, a renowned mathematician.

"We don't see in our near future any prospect for us to leave the country," Inna said sadly.

Tonks concluded the call by promising to ask his council for support to demand that Gorbachev apply the "true spirit" of glasnost to the Uspenskys by granting them exit visas.

Meanwhile, another group — Jewish Women Refuseniks in the Soviet Union — also held a 3-day hunger strike.

"We hope the world will notice our plight and we appeal to the people of the world to raise their voices in support of our human rights," group members said in a statement to the West.

The fast was held at the Moscow apartment of Refusenik Elya Varshavskaya.

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Markham MP Bill Attewell plans to visit a number of Moscow Refuseniks when he leads a group of three Canadian Armenian leaders to the Soviet Union later this month.

Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, will be in the Soviet Union from March 21-31.

Attewell to visit Refuseniks on trip

Most of his time will be spent in the Armenian region of Yerevan, the centre of a major earthquake last year. He hopes to examine first-hand the needs of local residents and assess what help Canada's Armenian community can give on a long term basis.

It will be Attewell's second trip to the Soviet Union. He's travelling there as a representative of Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

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A recent Novosti press conference in the Soviet Union focused on problems of Soviet emigration, says a Novosti Press Agency report.

The reasons and motivations to leave the Soviet Union have varied throughout Soviet history, said Eduard Rosental, a Novosti political analyst.

Rosental said almost a half-million people left the USSR in the post-World War II years. As many as 300,000 have since returned, although about 40,000 have again left the country.

Yuri Reshetov, the Soviet foreign ministry's head of international humanitarian cooperation and human rights, noted that procedures for Soviet citizens' travel abroad have recently been "substantially" simplified, although there's still red tape and formalities.

"Although the Soviet Union, as any other country for that matter, does not encourage emigration, we shall devote close attention to questions of its regulation in keeping with the Helsinki and Vienna agreements," Reshetov promised.

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Eight Jewish books distributed by B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League are for the first time available to Soviet citizens at Moscow's new U. S. Bookstore, says a news release from the New York-based League.

The books, including four published by the League, are part of a special collection of 2,000 American titles brought to the bookstore by the U.S.'s Information Agency, said David Strassler, chairman of the League's Intergroup Relations Committee.

Soviet scholars and librarians who have access to hard currency will be able to order the American books for use in libraries, schools and institutes, Strassler said.

Soviet citizens can also visit the bookstore and read the books, he said.

Seen calling Moscow Refusenik Inna Ioffe Uspensky from Toronto City Hall are (from left) Metro Toronto Chairman Alan Tonks, Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe, Joyce Eklove and Wendy Litwack.

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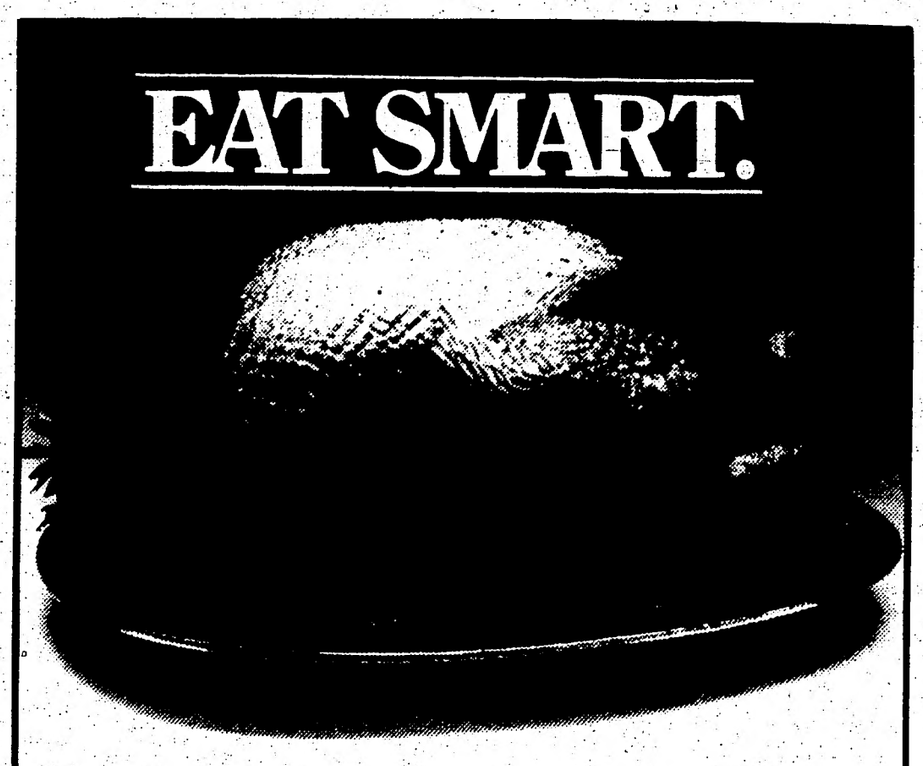

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Holiday ceasefire hinted

LONDON (JTA) —
The intifada may stop for Jewish holidays, a Palestinian leader has hinted in London.

Faisal al-Husseini, a West Bank activist seen by Israel as one of the intifada's organizers, told a Jewish audience: "Maybe on some days like Pesach, people will stop throwing stones, maybe to give the impression to the Israelis that we are not against you as a people, that we respect your holy days."

Stopping stone-throwing and other violence altogether is "theoretically a beautiful idea," he told British supporters of Mapam, the United Workers Party of Israel. But he said the Israeli authorities have taken advantage of nonviolent Palestinian protests to make arrests and seal off villages.

Nevertheless, Husseini, who chairs the Arab Studies Center in Jerusalem, made it clear that for Palestinians the intifada is a "state of mind" and would continue until Palestinians have their own state.

Although Israel has kept Husseini in prison without trial for most of the last 22 months, many Israeli politicians, including Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, see him as a potential local leader to whom Israel could talk as an alternative to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Husseini buried that hope and said Israel must face the fact that there is no one to talk to except the PLO.

"We Palestinians in the occupied territories can give the whole world thousands of martyrs and hundreds of Moslem Mandelas, but they can't have even one Quisling," he said, referring to the Black South African activist and the Norwegian wartime traitor. "Those who are dreaming of an alternative leadership will get up from their dreams sooner or later," he said.

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Latent anti-Jewish feelings up, prof tells Hadassah conference

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. —
Overt anti-semitism appears on the decline but latent anti-Jewish feelings are on an increase in areas including North America and the Soviet Union, says Yehuda Bauer, head of the department of anti-semitic studies at the Hebrew University.

While this trend is a reflection of the society in each country, it comes at a time when Arab interest groups are becoming more sophisticated in propaganda and the combination could have serious future impact, he told Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 3rd annual California Conference.

At Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 3rd annual California Conference are (from left) Lily Frank, Naomi Frankenburg, Yehuda Bauer and Bess Panar.

The conference, attended by some 215 women and men, was also addressed by Naomi Frankenburg who spoke about her first year as Canadian Hadassah-WIZO national president including her trips to Israel where she saw ever increasing needs and the accomplishments of the organization.

Executive vice-president Lily Frank addressed the conference, speaking about the commitment and achievement of the 16,000 women of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. She described her recent visit to Israel where she and Frankenburg, joined by Israeli and Diaspora leaders, celebrated Israel's 40th birthday at Masada.

As a close to the conference, former Winnipegger Cantor Hershel Fox of Los Angeles and his wife Judy entertained with Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs and stories.

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Reitman issues final report

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of Soviet Jews, she declared: "Unfortunately 90% of them are going to the West. This is a great financial stress on our communities. The U.S. used to pay for their maintenance in Italy but the U.S. has withdrawn its support and we must find a way of financing it.

"We are trying to increase the number of government sponsored cases and decrease the time it takes to process them in Italy."

She congratulated Mira Koschitzky, chairman of the national executive of CJC for the past three years, on being invited to be a member of the steering committee of the Jewish leadership conference in Israel March 19-22 sponsored by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

She said action of the Bourassa government on banning English signs is "very disturbing" to the Quebec Region of the CJC and remarked that Congress representative Morton Bessner had a "good exchange" recently with Jacques Parizeau of the Parti Quebecois.

The president said the CJC has asked the New Brunswick government not to ratify the Meech Lake accord because it threatens the rights of minorities. The CJC made a presentation to that province's legislative committee on the accord, she added.

On the get (religious divorce) issue, Reitman noted that Montreal rabbis are now obtaining prenuptial agreements before any wedding they perform. However, she said that action does not help women who were married in earlier years and who are having difficulty in obtaining a get.

"We need federal legislation on this to protect the rights of women," she said.

Bush awaits Shamir plan

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The hour-long meeting between the two men took place without the presence of aides. Following that, arms control experts were called in to participate.

Baker told his Soviet counterpart the United States was not ready to go along with an international conference on the Middle East. Instead, the Bush administration favors direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, he said.

Baker told Shevardnadze that as far as the Middle East is concerned, "more work at the ground level" has to be done before a peace conference can be organized.

Baker said he would meet with Shevardnadze in Geneva in May to resume their discussion.

In a subsequent development, President Bush told Jewish leaders that he is waiting to hear the peace initiative Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will bring with him to Washington in April before moving ahead on U.S. proposals for advancing the Middle East peace process.

"I think this administration is examining all possibilities," said Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He spoke to reporters after members of the Conference of Presidents and the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican group, met with Bush at the White House at Bush's request. Also participating in the meeting were Secretary Baker and state department and National Security Council officials.

"This administration wants to be cautious," Reich said. "They want to engage in consultation."

He said Bush also reaffirmed several positions taken by the Reagan administration, including: opposition to a Palestinian state because it would destabilize the region; that Israel would not have to return to the pre-1967 borders; that peace would not be imposed on the parties; and that Jerusalem would never again be a divided city.

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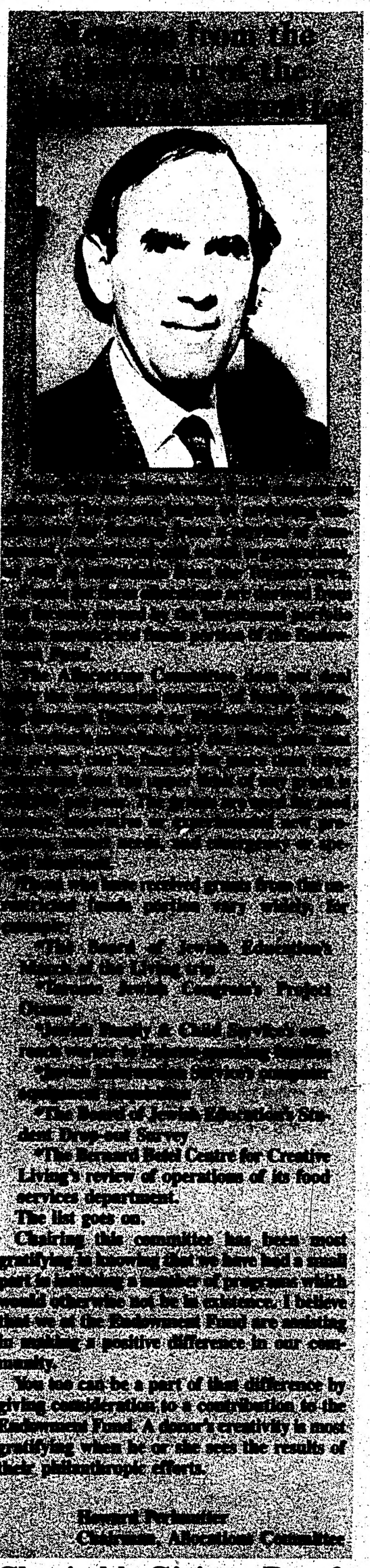

The Agudas Hamishpocha (United Families) has created a philanthropic fund under the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund. Seen (from left) are: Morris Naftolin, Agudas Hamishpocha vice-president; Archie Persin, treasurer; Samuel Helfenbaum, TJC Endowment Fund director; Norman Rubinoff, Agudas Hamishpocha president, and Henry Naft, past-president. (Graphic Artists photo)

Agudas Hamishpocha

Members of the Rubinoff, Naftolin, Arnoff and other families all descended from a family named Rabinovitch, which lived near Minsk, Russia. Their members began immigrating to Canada in the first decade of this century.

The Agudas Hamishpocha, or United Families Organization, was established in 1928 as a means of keeping the children and grandchildren of the family from growing up as strangers.

By making interest-free loans, repayable at $2 a week, the organization's loan society helped many a family member through the Depression.

Left with a sizeable sum after selling off their hall at Bathurst St. and Wilson Ave. several years ago, and after discussions and negotiations with the Endowment Fund's Director, Samuel Helfenbaum, the organization's membership voted overwhelmingly last July in favor of establishing the Agudas Hamishpocha Philanthropic Fund.

Norman Rubinoff, whose father, Yehuda Rubinoff was one of the group's founders, says annual interest from the fund will help support charitable projects recommended by the Agudas Hamishpocha officers.

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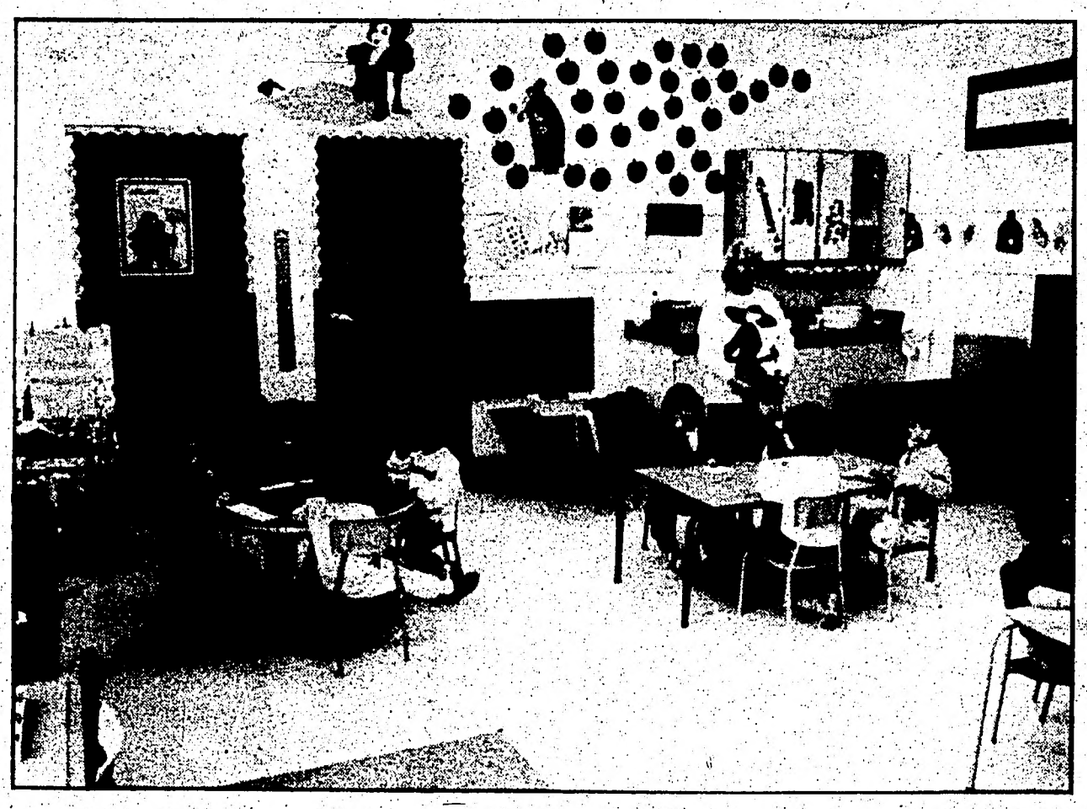

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Leslie Dollinger - In Memoriam

The Endowment Fund's Professional Advisory Committee wishes to extend its condolences to the family of the late Leslie Dollinger, who passed away suddenly late last month. Leslie was a co-chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee. His expertise and sage input to the Fund will be missed.

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For any information regarding the Endowment Fund, call or write Samuel Helfenbaum, c/o 4600 Bathurst Street, 4th Floor, Willowdale, Ontario (416) 635-2883

Charitable Giving - Part 2

by Aki Chencinski, C.A. & Laurie Starkman, C.A.

A recent article in this series dealt with the rules relating to "conventional" charitable giving. The following commentary briefly discusses some of the lesser known but more elaborate ways of gifting to charities of your choice.

Income tax plays a critical role in the utilization of these mechanisms, especially in the context of estate planning. The Income Tax Act states (with some specific exceptions) that all assets owned at the time of death are deemed to have been disposed of at fair market value. Accordingly, accrued gains would probably generate a tax liability upon death. Any growth type assets that could be removed from the "package" of assets would ultimately reduce the tax liability at that time. As well income earned on assets, such as interest and dividends, is taxable to the recipient.

Because of the tax free status of charitable organizations, both these tax consequences are eliminated or mitigated by transferring cash or growth assets, to such a body. One mechanism is the use of an endowment during one's lifetime or upon death. An endowment will provide a permanent source of capital from which the income (that is not subject to tax) would be used for the intended (charitable) purposes.

An interesting alternative to gifting directly to a charity is the use of a foundation, either public or private. A foundation is perhaps best described as a funding body. It generally does not carry on charitable activities itself. It raises funds through a variety of means that include gifts, endowments and perhaps loans. The assets are invested and the income is distributed to other charitable organizations.

These foundations must be registered with the federal government and must abide by a set of very specific rules. These include disbursement quotas and severe restrictions relating to non-qualified investments. Such investments primarily include shares or debt in non-arms length (related party) circumstances. Penalties are imposed when non-qualified investments do not provide adequate specified returns.

Private foundations provide some interesting flexibility in estate planning. It allows an individual to remove tax generating assets from his or her hands, but retain some measure of control over its investment and charitable use. In certain cases funds can be loaned interest free to the foundation, thereby allowing the foundation to generate funds for charitable purposes. Similar benefits without any applicable costs (private foundation) can be obtained by use of a philanthropic fund through the UJWF/TJC Endowment Fund.

Leaving assets through a will to a foundation or any charity can be structured to ensure that certain individuals, usually a spouse, are entitled to the income from the estate during his or her lifetime. The capital would only pass in accordance with the terms of the will upon the second death.

The above comments deal with some very intriguing but complex options available in the field of charitable giving. Many of these alternatives are not for everybody, but probably could be utilized by many more people. Because of the nature of the legal and tax issues surounding this subject, great care should be exercised before embarking on such a course.

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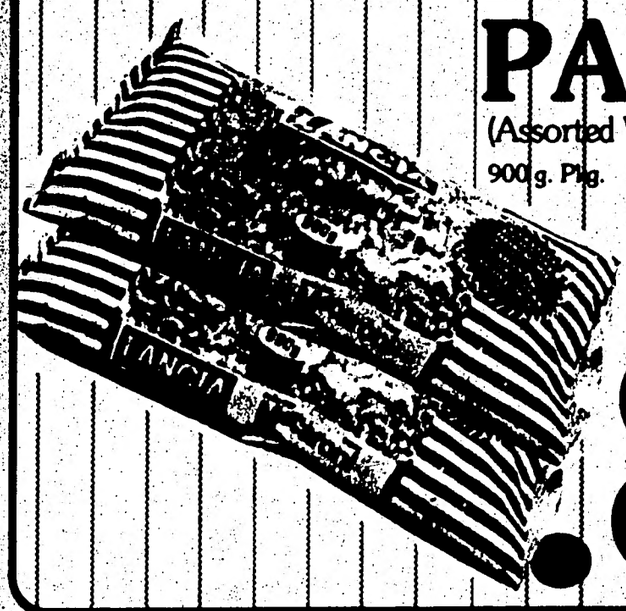

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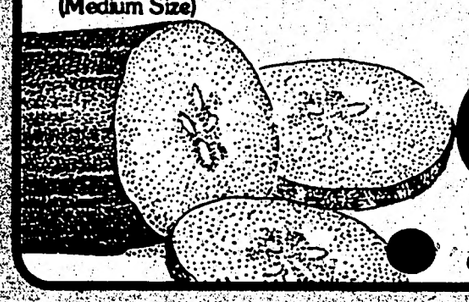

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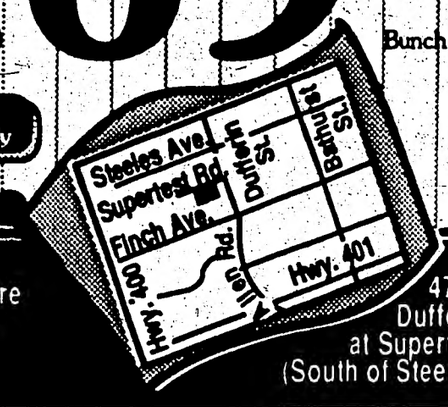

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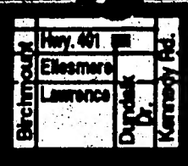

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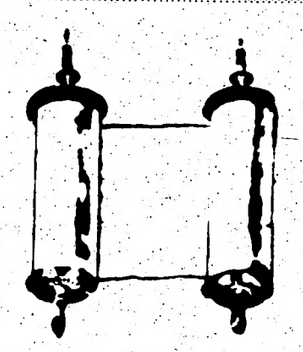

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Shabbat Zachor / Purim 5749 / Parshat Vayikrah

You can accomplish everything through *simcha*, joy.

Once on Purim, Rabbi Eleazar Rokach of Amsterdam celebrated the Purim feast with his friends, when emissaries arrived from the Queen with an urgent request. The dikes had burst, the sea was pouring in, and the Queen begged the rabbi to pray for Holland.

Rabbi Gottesman

A few hours later the emissaries returned with the word that the waters had receded. To their surprise, they found Rabbi Eleazar still sitting and merry-making, surrounded by bottles of wine. Afterwards, they reported to the Queen what they saw.

The Queen summoned Rabbi Eleazar and demanded to know why he was celebrating while the nation was in danger.

Explained Rabbi Eleazar: "In our faith, we receive the blessing of God by fulfilling His will. Today was Purim, and it was a holy commandment to celebrate our victory and faith. The greater we celebrated, the more we earned a blessing for Holland!"

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How shall we celebrate Purim when there are so many dangers all around? There are new Hamans everywhere springing up.

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Why? What was the message of "kamitzah," what power did it have to vanquish Haman?

Taught Rabbi Meir Schapiro of Lublin: Mordechai illustrated that for the Jewish people it is not quantities that count, but quality. The kohain reached in and held just a little handful, but that handful became holy to the altar, that handful became unique.

Haman stood open-mouthed and vanquished when he saw the little children gathered around Mordechai. They were the "kamitzah" of the Jewish people, the future, the boys and girls who would become the new army of Israel. No Haman could destroy that.

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CJC's Silverstone on Soviet Jews:

Refuseniks fear West will be fooled

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The historic opening of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow has great "symbolic value," but long-term Refuseniks fear it will fool the West into believing that the Soviet-Jewish problem is resolved, says Canadian Jewish Congress national executive director Jack Silverstone.

Silverstone, along with Senator Nathan Nurgitz of Winnipeg, were two of the Canadian Jewish officials attending the opening.

During his 4-day stay Silverstone met with Refuseniks, whom he reported were "desperately concerned" about the Western view of their situation.

"They kept repeating over and over again that 'our survival is linked to the Jewish community in the West'," Silverstone reported at a recent CJC meeting of the Quebec Region executive.

Refusenik cases still number in the "low thousands," Silverstone said, and fall under two categories.

Continued pressure urged

The first is applicants still denied exit visas on the basis of holding "state secrets."

So-called "poor relative" cases is the second type. In these, close family can block permission to leave by alleging financial claims against applicants.

This is a "very complex" problem, Silverstone said. Some relatives employ this tactic on their own accord because they want to keep a a family member home.

Silverstone met with a group of divorced women whose former spouses were wielding the claim as a weapon to keep children in the mother's custody in the country.

He also learned of another case in which a retired colonel in the Soviet army launched a financial claim against his daughter to keep her from leaving.

Other Refuseniks said that bureaucratic pressure is also being brought to bear on families to launch financial claims as a way to prevent or at least, stall the progress of applicants.

Yet others "complained bitterly," Silverstone said, about a change in procedure in the last 18 months to two years that now apparently requires all Refuseniks to present affidavits to officials stating there are no family financial claims.

In the past, there was a 30-day deadline for families to make these claims, but this is no longer being enforced by Soviet officials, they told Silverstone.

While in Moscow, Silverstone received assurances by Canadian Ambassador Vernon Turner (who is the former ambassador in Israel) that outstanding cases would continue to be raised on a continuing basis.

Silverstone was guardedly optimistic that the Refusenik problem could be resolved, but only with continued Western pressure.

As well, he added, CJC might have to consider a reevaluation of its procedures to be able to deal effectively with a situation that can change literally from day to day.

A further context, Silverstone said, is an international human rights conference in Moscow, which is scheduled for May, 1991.

"I believe personally that many of these cases are susceptible to resolution," he said, "but they will need work."

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Organizations and People

Judy Feld Carr fights for oppressed community

Shabbat Zachor to mark deaths of 4 Syrian Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
What began as a local synagogue event in Toronto 15 years ago is now marked in annual commemorative services around the world, in support of Jews half a world away.

Shabbat Zachor, a yahrzeit for four Syrian Jewish girls murdered while trying to escape their country in 1974, also serves to remind Jews everywhere that Syria's remaining Jewish community of 4,500 lives under crushing oppression and tyranny, says the woman who's been at the head of the movement on behalf of Syrian Jewry for 16 years.

In fact, Judy Feld Carr *is* the movement for Syrian Jewry in this country, having single-handedly run the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, an arm of Canadian Jewish Congress's Jews in Arab Lands Committee, since its inception in 1984, after more than a decade of advocacy for Syrian Jewry.

This year, Shabbat Zachor falls on March 18 and Carr has done her usual rounds of mailing notices to rabbis across the country to speak on the matter from their pulpits and to offer prayers for oppressed Jews in Moslem and Arab lands.

Despite her Herculean efforts on behalf of the terrorized Jews of Syria, Carr's campaign hasn't shared the same high profile as has the drive for Soviet Jewry, due largely to the nature of the Syrian government itself.

"Syrian Jewry is probably the most forgotten item on the Jewish agenda," says Carr, a music educator by profession. Possessing a steely will and tough exterior has come in handy for her in dealing with the Syrians.

Unlike the Soviet Union, "you can't pick up the phone or write a letter to Syria. It's just not seen as an important issue in North America," Carr sighs. "All mail and all calls to Jewish homes are monitored and censored. What's most tragic is that the problem of Syrian Jewry is being kept secret."

Carr said Syrian Jews, centered mainly in the capital, Damascus, and in the cities of Aleppo and Qamishli, labor under brutal hardships. Emigration is strictly forbidden.

If a Jewish businessman has to travel abroad, he must leave his family behind, as well as a financial deposit. If a Jew sells his house, he must buy another one. And the headmaster of the Hebrew day school in Damascus is a Moslem, says Carr, who believes that given the option, all Syrian Jews would leave the country.

Oddly, harsh restrictions against Jews in Syria do not apply in the religious realm. Jews are not prevented from practising their faith and there are several rabbis, Carr says.

That's where the National Task Force for Syrian Jews comes in. The organization has representatives across Canada who respond by sending religious books, artifacts, foodstuffs and material assistance to the poor, but only, Carr stresses, when requested by Jewish officials. As well, the group provides moral support and through Carr, presses the Canadian government to use its influence.

"For the past four years, we've pressed external affairs to intervene on behalf of 15 single Jewish women and for family reunification," Carr says. "We've asked that Canada make representation to the president fo Syria to allow these girls to come to Canada to marry. Otherwise, they'd be forced to intermarry."

Shabbat Zachor commemorates four young Jewish girls who attempted to escape from Syria into Lebanon in 1974. The sisters Laura, Mazal and Farra Sebbagh and their first cousin Eva Saad were betrayed by their smugglers, who had been paid to take them across the border. The girls' raped and horribly mutilated bodies were put in sacks and dumped on their parents' front steps in the Damascus Jewish ghetto, with the message, "Here are your children."

Late last year, Amnesty International, the human rights monitoring group, called on the Syrian government to either release or formally charge six Jews who had been imprisoned without charge for over a year.

Since then, Carr reports, two of the six, Eli and Salim Swed, have disappeared, while the other four still languish in jail without charge. No one knows whether the Sweds, who are brothers, are still alive, and it is certain all six were tortured.

Carr and her first husband, Dr. Ronald Feld, became active in Syrian Jewry in the early 70s. Both had been involved in the campaign for Soviet Jews until they heard about young Jewish boys in Syria who were reportedly being killed.

"Strangely, we encountered little interest," Carr recalls. Then, the couple placed a call in 1972 to a leader in the Syrian Jewish community, and their concern was aroused.

A year later, Ronald Feld died of a heart attack and the Beth Tzedec Synagogue established the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, which remains the National Task Force's sole source of funding, (Carr has remarried to lawyer Donald Carr).

The fund became so effective and popular that a Ronald Feld Fund was set up at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore.

Mazal Sebbagh

Farra Sebbagh

Laura Sebbagh

Eva Saad

Beth Tzedec began marking Shabbat Zachor in 1975 and today, shuls around the world observe the date.

As for the National Task Force, "we try to keep it small and lean," Carr says. "That way, we can get more done."

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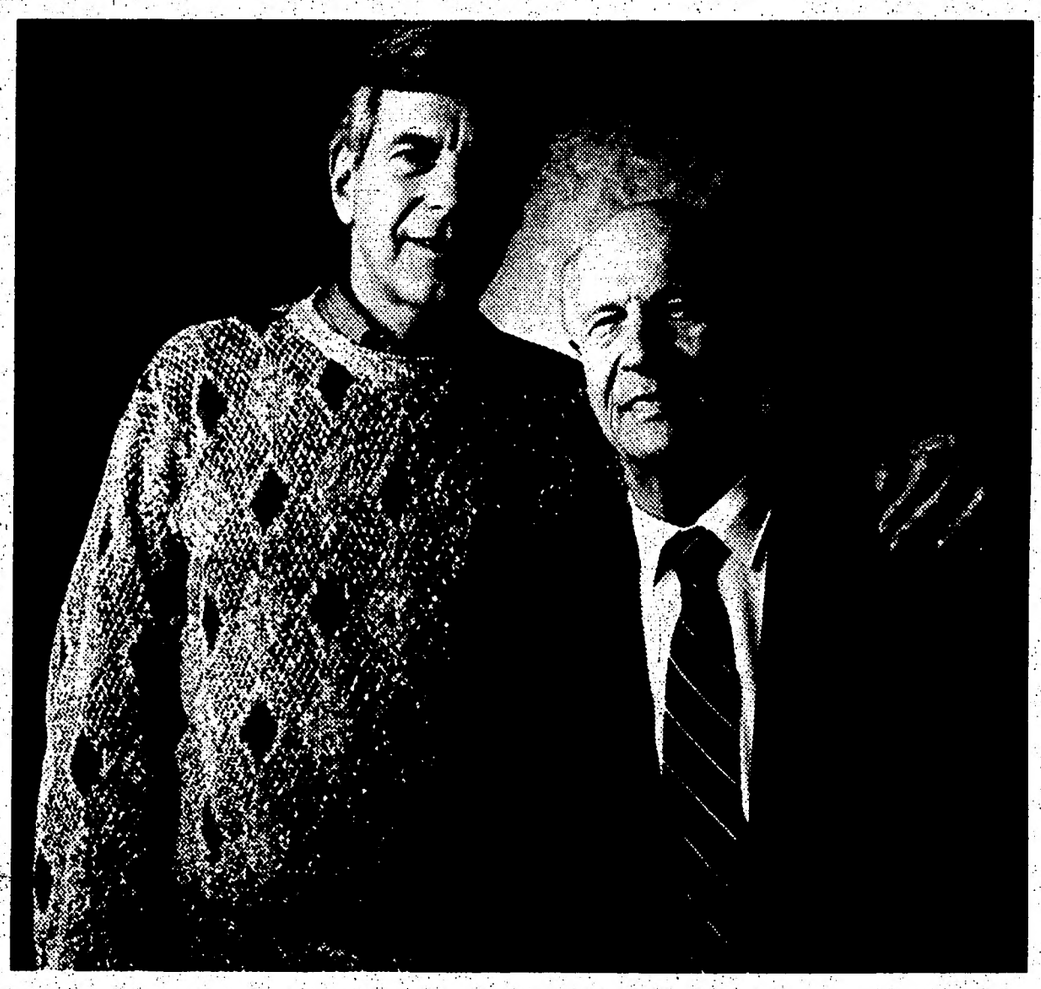

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Shul turns over $1 million (U.S.) Israel Bond note

TORONTO —

For the 15th year in a row, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue has turned over a $1 million (U.S.) investment in the form of an Israel Bond note.

No other person, establishment or synagogue has matched Beth Emeth's feat, says a Bonds news release.

Annually since 1975, the shul — led by David Anisman, million dollar note chairman, and James Graff, coordinator — has held a Monte Carlo Night. Proceeds finance the bank interest payable on a $1 million (U.S.) note.

Anisman and his wife, Sandra, have promoted the drive since its inception. Anisman, president of Cadillac Livery Ltd., used to give away a car as the grand prize in the $100-a-ticket community raffle which is the highlight of Monte Carlo Night. This year's grand prize was $5,000 in cash.

For their support of Israel's economic development, the Anismans and Graff were presented with Israel Bonds' Israel Freedom Award.

Bonds officials also presented the shul with a United Israel Award.

Among those to attend the event were shul spiritual leader Rabbi Joseph Kelman and president James Harris.

Seen at the recent Beth Emeth Bonds event are (from left) James Harris, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Sandra Anisman and her husband, David, and James Graff. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Special Bonds effort urged for Soviet Jews

NEW YORK —

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has called on the State of Israel Bonds Organization to conduct its own special effort to assist in providing employment opportunities, housing and mortgage funds for Soviet Jews expected in Israel, as well as for other immigrants and discharged soldiers.

The call to the Bonds Organization was announced by David Hermelin, its international campaign chairman. It came in a cable addressed to Meir Rosenne, president and chief executive officer of Israel Bonds.

Hermelin reported that in response to the Prime Minister's appeal, all Israel Bond buyers will be asked to purchase "an additional Israel Bond, over and above their regular purchases, in order to provide loan funds for Israel's Development Budget, thus making possible employment opportunities for the expected Soviet newcomers."

Noting that the Bond Organization was helpful in the settling in Israel of Soviet Jews in the past, Shamir said that "the special Bond effort would be in the tradition of a similar campaign in 1972 when the Bond Organization helped make possible the successful and productive settlement of Soviet Jews who arrived in Israel in those years."

He continued: "The announcement of a plan to provide good jobs and housing for Soviet Jews in Israel would encourage greater numbers of them to come to the Jewish State."

Hermelin stated that a detailed campaign plan for extra Bond subscriptions on behalf of Soviet Jews arriving in Israel will be announced shortly.

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BIALIK SCIENCE FAIR

Matthew Soloway (left), grade 7, explains his project about cats at Bialik Hebrew School's recent Science Fair (grades 6, 7, and 8) to Mickey Mann, also grade 7. [Alan Eckhaus photo]

DEADLINE NOTICES

As you know, the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. (i.e. deadline for March 30 issue is Thursday, March 16).

However, please note that with Good Friday coming up on March 24, the deadline for the April 6 issue is moved back one day to Wednesday, March 22 (instead of the regular Thursday).

Saturday, March 18

NARAYEVER SERVICES

Narayaver Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave. (north of Harbord), invites the community to Shabbat afternoon services. All Narayaver services are traditional but egalitarian - men and women participate equally. The program on Saturday, March 18,begins at 4 p.m. with a study session related to Purim, continues with Mincha services and a simple Shabbat meal and lots of singing. It concludes with Maariv and Havdalah. Everyone is welcome. For more information call **Justin Lewis**, 533-1443.

Sunday, March 19

BAYT EDUCATION SERIES

BAYT Sisterhood (Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation) education series for women will present a lecture, Modern Day Purim - Rescue of Jews from Iran - A Personal Account, 8.15 p.m., Sunday, May 19, at 15 Eddy Green Ct. in Thornhill. Speaker is **David Akhazan**. No admission charge. For details, call 731-2177.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Peace in the Middle East: One Step Forward or Two Steps Back? will be the topic when **Dr. David Goldberg**, national director, Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, addresses Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood at a breakfast meeting, 9.30 a.m. Sunday, March 19.

JEWISH RUSSIAN PURIM

Calling Jewish Russian Children of all ages! Come to the Magic of Purim Carnival, featuring the Terrific Trickster Show, games, great prizes and much more, sponsored by the Jewish-Russian Community Centre, 1.30-4.30 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at Fisherville Jr. High School, 425 Patricia Ave. Tickets are $4 in advance, available at the JRCC, 18 Rockford Rd. or $5 at the door. For further information call 665-9600.

EATING RIGHT

Eating Right - Feeling Right, will be explained by **Bella Rolnick** at a breakfast meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 19 at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Ms. Rolnick teaches French at Associated Hebrew Schools and is a counsellor at Diet Weigh.

Everyone is welcome. Cost is $2 for members, $3, non-members. For more information call the synagogue office, 787-1631.

MEDICAL AND SOCIAL ETHICS

The adult education committees of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations invite you to hear medical ethicist **Rabbi David Feldman,** who will consider, The Jewish Mandate to Heal: AIDS and other Contemporary Challenges to Jewish Medical and Social Ethics, 8 p.m. Sunday March 19, at 55 Yeomans Rd.

BETH SHOLOM PURIM PARTY

Bring the kids for food, fun and games, plus **Mike Balaban's** great puppet show, at Beth Sholom Brotherhood's Purim Party, Sunday, March 19 at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., noon-3 p.m. There will be a prize for each youngster in costume and admission is free.

RABBI BASKIN AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom, will examine Eight Turning Points In Jewish History, when Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood meets on Sunday, March 19. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30, speaker, 10, in Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Jacques Baruch will be serving his famous pancakes for this event.

Monday, March 20

MONDAY MAGIC

Protecting Your Child Against Sexual Abuse, will be discussed by **Gail Gould,** coordinator of Preventive Education, Metropolitan Toronto Special Committee on Child Abuse, at the next Monday MAGIC gathering, 9.30-11.30 a.m., March 20 in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group that meets Monday mornings at Beth Tzedec. (Babysitting is available for children from newborns up).

PURIM AT BETH TORAH

Beth Torah Congregation celebrates Purim on Monday evening, March 20. Mincha services begin at 6 p.m., followed by reading of the Megillah. Bring your children and grandchildren in costume for entertainment, prizes and refreshments.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

How Jewish Is the Jewish State? will be asked when the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit holds a discussion group meeting 8 p.m. Monday, March 20 at Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence Plaza. For information call **Rabbi Reuben Slonim,** 789-0101.

ANSHEI MINSK PURIM SHPIEL

Dress up in your most creative costume and come to the Anshei Minsk Purim Shpiel, Monday, March 20. Megillah reading is at 6.45 p.m., Purim fest, 8 p.m. There will be music, carnival booths, hamantashen. And, for children of all ages, **Alan Merowitz** will direct a play right on the spot! Anshei Minsk-Ohr Somayach/JEP Centre, your downtown Purim connection, is at 10 St. Andrews St., in the heart of Kensington Market. For information, call 595-5723 or 785-5899.

Tuesday, March 21

JEWISH REGGAE

What do you suppose **Esther** served **Ahasuerus** at her banquet? Chicken soup? Who knows. But, you can dine in style to the sounds of **Ron Wiseman,** "undisputed" king of Jewish reggae, at a vegetarian Purim seudah, 5.45 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in Anshei Minsk Synagogue-Ohr Somayachach/JEP Centre. 10 St. Andrews St. Admission is $15 To reserve, phone 595-5723 or 785-5899.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH SEUDAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto, 2640 Bayview Ave. (corner of Fifeshire Rd.), announces its seudah, Tuesday, March 21. Come for the Purim seudah at 5.45 p.m. For reservations, call the synagogue office, 229-2600.

Wednesday, March 22

BETH DAVID LECTURES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting an Introduction to Jewish Practice, with lectures conducted by **Rabbi Philip Scheim,** on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The lecture on March 22 will be about Rosh Hashana.

Thursday, March 23.

A CARDIOLOGIST SPEAKS

A general meeting of the Toronto women's division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, is planned for 1.30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the home of **Evelyn Stone,** 260 Heath St. W., Suite 1801. Featured speaker, **Dr. Mark Klutstein,** senior cardiologist at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem, will compare medicine in Israel with medicine in Canada. Refreshments will be served. To inquire further, call 781-3584.

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSIONS

When submitting pictures, give full names of all persons plus organization affiliation and designate location in picture - left to right, back row, front row. There should be no more than five people in the photo, otherwise we won't be able to recognize who is in it. We will reject photos of more than five people.

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AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

VIEWMOUNT CO-OP PLAYGROUP

Registration for the September 1989 season of Viewmount Co-op Playgroup, children 18 months to 2½ years, is on Tuesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 30, from 10-11.30 a.m. at Viewmount Tennis Club in the park at the corner of Viewmount and Stormont. Playgroup sessions are held twice a week.

For more details call 781-0169, 781-7809, 658-0877.

MARCH BREAK AT THE ROM

March Break at the Royal Ontario Museum, March 13-17 and March 20-23, is the time of year when the ROM turns itself inside out, with staff members bringing artifacts, specimens and research tools from behind the scenes and answering questions about the work they do. It's a chance to touch weird and wondrous things from shark's teeth to living reptiles; to learn about ancient coins; read a rock and make a prehistoric sea creature mural. There are films for all the family, a dinosaur puppet show and the African Lion Safari's performing parrot show.

And, Let's Play Ball, a lively exhibition opening March 1, offers all kinds of baseball-related activities.

At the George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, youngsters can watch pottery demonstrations, try on a medieval helmet and examine early weapons. The McLaughlin Planetarium next to the ROM is showing two great family films, Cosmic Questions and Planets, Stars and Galaxies.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Monday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Ezrath Nashim, The Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation, presents a benefit concert featuring cellist Ofra Harnoy with such talents as pianist Shaya Petroff, oboist Senya Trubashnik, pianists Boris Zarenkin and Inna Parkis. Composer and musical program director is Srul I. Glick.

Tickets, $18 each, are available at The Negev Bookstore, 3500 Bathurst St. or Israel's Judaica Centre, 441 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, or phone 630-4253. There are discounts for seniors and students.

Proceeds are for Alzheimer's research and care of the afflicted at the Ezrath Nashim Hospital.

HALL OF MEMORIES NAMES

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For additional information contact either **Margie Levitt** or **Mark Freedman** at 635-2883.

SENECA GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

Seneca College's new 2-year program which trains people to meet the social service needs of our aging population, will graduate its first students in May. Applications are now being accepted for the Social Service Worker/Gerontology program with classes commencing in September, 1989 at the Sheppard campus. Potential students must have the Ontario Secondary School graduation diploma waith grade 12 English, or be mature students.

To inquire further, call Seneca College at 491-5050.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

They're Playing Our Song, Neil Simon's hit Broadway musical, comes to the Leah Posluns Theatre March 22 (preview) to April 15, directed by Danny Simon and starring Gerry Salsberg.

For ticket information, call 636-2720.

MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

An exciting 5-day YMCA March Break children's program located at various schools throughout York Region, includes visits to the Ontario Science Centre, Metro Toronto Zoo, Chudleigh's Farm and the Markham Museum, as well as in-centre activities.

Dates are March 13-17 and/or March 17-23. Times, 7.30 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is $18 per day, $85 for five days.

For further details or to register, contact York Region YMCA, 884-4811 or 773-4591.

AT BAYVIEW AND 16th AVE.

Na'amat Canada-Toronto (formerly Pioneer Women), invites young married women in the Bayview and 16th Ave. area of Richmond Hill to inquire about its newest club.

For information, call 636-5425 or **Emily,** 884-2981, 884-8559.

WOMEN'S CHOICE CLINICS

A new women's health clinic has opened in Toronto. Woman's Choice Health Clinic offers birth control counselling. Interpretation services can be arranged if necessary and literature is available in several languages. For more details call 975-9300.

ORPHANS' HOME REUNION

All former residents of the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans Home in Montreal are invited, with their spouses, to attend the first reunion in 30 years, to be held in Toronto July 15 and 16. The Home closed in 1936 and the reunion committee is eager to locate many of the "boys" and "girls" whose present location is unknown. If you are a "brother" or "sister," write or call **Myer Gordon** for details of this exciting get-together...14 Alonzo Rd., North York, Ont. M2R 1T5. Telephone (416) 221-3161.

Please note: Former residents of the Westmount Home in Montreal are also invited to attend.

NORTH YORK PARKS AND REC.

North York Parks and Recreation Department's Spring 89 brochure has 84 pages of services and activities for the season. Learn to swim, improve your tennis, or have your child learn how to make a kite.

Registration is still open for spring programs. Free brochures are available at North York public libraries, community centres, pools, arenas and North York City Hall.

JF & CS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Family & Child Service is in need of volunteers to assist clients in a variety of meaningful ways. Bring a smile to a recipient by offering your time.

Please call the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Justice John Sopinka of the Supreme Court of Canada, will address The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Royal York Hotel Ballroom.

Membership fees are $25 per individual, $35, spousal membership. Guest tickets are $5. To inquire further, call 923-2900.

JSF/JSU ISRAEL TOUR

Travel to Israel at affordable student rates in May. Included are airfare, accommodation, meals, two-three weeks working with volunteers for Israel and two-three weeks extensive touring. Cost is under $2,000 for approximately six weeks.

For more details call **Claire** (JSF York University) 736-5179 or **Karen** (JSU/Hillel University of Toronto) 923-9861.

YIDDISH MUSIC

The Jewish Music Society of Toronto presents The Art of Yiddish Song, a recital by Cantor Louis Danto with commentary, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 in Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Cosponsors are the Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress and the Friends of Yiddish.

Admission is $6 (free to members of JMST) and tickets are available from Toronto Jewish Congress in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. 5th Floor, or at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

NORTH YORK LIBRARIES

A seminar on Managing Gold in Your Portfolio, will be given at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., 7.30-9 p.m. Thursday, May 4. Please pre-register.

Learn about cartooning at Black Creek Library, 2141 Jane St. (at Wilson), 2-3.30 p.m., March 18. This is for ages 7 and up. Please pre-register.

Jeff King in Concert, is slated for 2-2.45 p.m., Saturday, March 18 at the Central Library, children's department, 5120 Yonge St. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. First 232 admitted. Free tickets are available one hour before the show.

Selling What You Write, provides beginning writers with information on how to market your work, 7.30-9 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St.

Meet the Kids from Degrassi, at the Central Library, 2-3.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21. First 200 will be admitted.

Better Babysitting is offered in three sessions to be given by a St. John's Ambulance instructor at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.), Tuesday, March 21, Wednesday, March 22, from 10 a.m.-noon and Thursday, March 23, 10-11 a.m. Participants completing the sessions will be awarded a certificate. This is for 11-16 year olds. Please pre-register. Cost is $6.

Better Babysitting is also offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 21, 22 and 23, from 2-4 p.m. in The Hub, at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Please pre-register.

For more information on library programs, phone 733-5512.

NCJW SPRING FEVER DANCE

Zahav Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, welcomes everyone 19 and over to its Spring Fever Dance with music by Disc Jockeys Unlimited., 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, March 25 at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Fabulous door prizes will include dinners for two, a hotel weekend package, hockey tickets and much more. Refreshments and food will be available.

Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. For tickets or additional information, call 633-5100. Catch the Spring Fever this March 25!

MUSIC MONTH CELEBRATION

Habonim celebrated Jewish Music Month recently during Shabbat services when Eli Rubenstein quoted religious and historic sources in which music played a role, and afterward when the Cantor Esther Ghan-Firestone, created magic with bittersweet love songs, rousing dance tunes and beautiful lullabies.

A CHILD'S TREAT

One performance only, of The Frog Prince, is being presented by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation Associates' Group, Sunday, April 2 at 10.30 a.m. at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, 2026 Yonge St. (between Eglinton and Davisville).

Tickets are $12 per person; sponsorship of $100. will include six tickets. Partial income tax receipts are available. Seating is first come, first served. Door prizes, loot bags for the children and refreshments, will be provided. Proceeds are in support of pediatric services at the Jerusalem hospital.

To reserve, call 781-3584.

ART GALLERY MARCH BREAK

Call the March Break Hotline, 979-6645, to inquire about mask making, games, family and community studio, "vaudeville shmaudeville," Lampoon Puppet Theatre and much more, all at the AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario), March 16-24.

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

On Sunday, April 2, State of Israel Bonds is slating an 8 p.m. reception at the home of Jenny and Lou Wasser, which anticipates the Stopnitzer Society Dinner later in the month. Special guest speaker will be **Isser Harel,** the man who brought Adolf Eichmann to justice.

On Monday, April 3, Isser Harel will speak at an 8 p.m. reception sponsored by State of Israel Bonds Builders' Division, in the home of Ellen and Sid Jelinek, 73 Old Colony Rd.

Tuesday, April 11, the Stopnitzer Young Men's Benevolent Association and State of Israel Bonds plan a tribute dinner in Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. to honor

BOYS TOWN SCHOLARSHIP

When Murray and Marilyn Kideckel were married recently they requested family and friends to transform all presents into a scholarship fund for Boys Town Jerusalem. Murray Kideckel is treasurer of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem. Pictured here, the couple is receiving a plaque from director Michael Kerem.

Raye and Sol Zeifman. Cocktails are at 6.30. Keynote speaker is **Monte Kwinter,** Ontario minister of industry. Cost is $60 per person.

To inquire further, call **Jacques Vogler** at the bond office, 789-3351.

CAMP STAFF POSITIONS

The Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch has summer camp staff positions available. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

The JCC Valley is also looking for counsellors for the Passover break program which runs Monday, Tuesday and Friday, April 24, 25 and 28.

Application forms may be obtained at the North-East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., Thornhill, Ont. L3T 6L6, or by mail. For information, call **Luni, at 889-0813.**

CHABAD LUBAVITCH PURIM

Purimania, a grand Purim party for the entire family, including a children's masquerade, **Doo Doo the Clown,** Megillah reading, live music, dancing and refreshments, is set for 7 p.m. Monday, March 20 at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd. (north off Green Lane, east of Bayview).

Admission is $2 per person.

On Tuesday, March 21 at 6.30 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch hosts a Purim family dinner at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). Cost is $25 per couple, children $5 each, under 3, no charge. RSVP, 886-0420, as soon as possible.

HOLOCAUST SEMINAR AT OISE

The Holocaust education subcommittee of Toronto Jewish Congress in cooperation with OISE, presents its annual seminar day of the Holocaust, 8.45 a.m.-3.30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. The theme is Children and the Holocaust, featuring speakers, films, meetings with survivors, workshops and more. Register early as the program fills up quickly.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee plans its 2nd annual Summer Institute for Teachers, Wednesday, Aug. 22-Friday, Aug. 25. Brochures and applications are available through the office, 4600 Bathurst St.

To inquire further about both programs, contact **Mark Freedman,** 635-2883.

JSU/HILLEL

Nomination deadline for the Jewish Students' Union/Hillel student executive elections is 2 p.m. Friday, March 17.

Join in the Purim Bash on Monday, March 20. Megillah reading is at 7 p.m. in the JSU/Hillel chapel with a party following at the house, 604 Spadina Ave. There will be great prizes for the best costumes, plus hamentashen, munchies and more. Admission is free.

Megillah reading is Tuesday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in JSU/Hillel House. Hamentashen and drinks follow the reading.

Cast your ballot Thursday, March 23 until 5 p.m. in the JSU/Hillel student executive elections.

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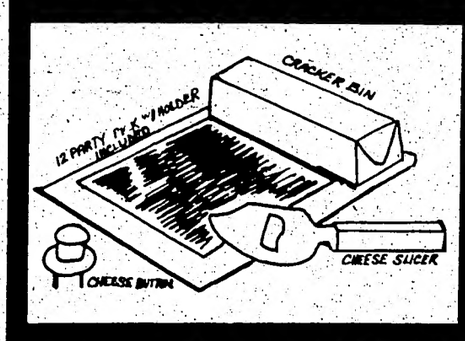

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hood invites you to a Passover cooking demonstration with **Sandra Temes,** author of Welcome To My Kitchen, 8 p.m.Monday, March 27.

Tickets are $3 for members, $5, non-members. For more information call the synagogue office, 633-3838.

C.W. JEFFERYS ANNIVERSARY

C.W. Jefferys Secondary School in North York will celebrate its 25th anniversary the weekend of Oct. 28. The school wants to hear from all former students to let them know what is being planned. Call 633-4012 to be put on the mailing list, or write to C.W. Jefferys Secondary School, 340 Sentinel Rd., North York, Ont. M3J 1T9.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is looking for teen volunteers ages 13-17, for its summer programs. Help with outings, ice cream parlor, bingo, entertainment, fitness, swimming. Do something good for a bubby or zaidy and discover how good you will feel too!

Please call 785-2850.

GETTING BACK TO BASICS

Basics, a Wednesday evening weekly series of relevant and provocative seminars, returns to Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. Cost is $8.

First session begins Wednesday, March 22 and the topic is Sex, Love and Marriage.

Wednesday, March 29, the subject is Dating: Making it Work, with guest lecturer **Lori Palatnik,** recently featured on CFRB radio.

Registration is at 7.30 p.m. Classes begin at 8. For more information, call 636-7530.

at the jcc

Kids! Bring your moms and dads to The North Y Purim Carnival, featuring booths booths and more booths, balloons, prizes, wandering clowns, musicians, magicians - lots of fun! It all happens 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the Auxiliary Gym, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is $2 per child, $1 per child in costume. Carnival tickets are $2 for a strip of 10.

This is your last chance to register for March Fun Days, the school break program at the Bloor 'Y' for children 5-10 years. Cost is $18 daily. Call **Beverly,** 924-6211 for more information.

For details about Bloor's seder, April 20, phone Beverly Brock, 924-6211.

Calling all film buffs - Sunday at Bloor features A Showcase of Art with Cathy Jonasson, 11 a.m., March 19. Cost, $5 includes a light brunch.

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Fun Camp at Bloor.

North-East Valley Branch JCC Singles Network, is celebrating Purim with a Monte Carlo Night and Dance, 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be games of chance, a disc jockey, light bite and cash bar. Admission is $9.

North-East JCC Valley is offering a touch of camp this Passover break, April 24, 25 and 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for children ages 5-11. The program includes games, sports, trips and workshops.

For additional details about N.E. JCC Valley events or if you would like to be on the Singles list, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

for seniors

The **Association of Jewish Seniors,** invites you to its 18th annual seder on Thursday, April 20 at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Services begin at 7 p.m. and the seder starts at 7.30. Tickets, $12, are available at the Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., or by calling 635-2860. Ticket reservations are required by April 14. Subsidies are available on a limited basis if required.

The Geriatric Day Hospital of **North York General Hospital** announces a support group for caregivers of aged family members. Six sessions will be held Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, at the Seniors' Health Centre of the hospital, 2 Buchan Ct., Willowdale. Cost is $10 per family. To register, call **Marlene,** at 495-1481.

Bridge, a new 10-session course for beginners (intermediate players are welcome to attend classes and refresh their knowledge) starts Wednesday, March 22 in Room 221, from 1-3 p.m. Instructor is Enid Dick. There is no charge for members. Register at the front desk of the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For information call **Jane Kerneman.**

Former members of Holy Blossom Temple **Alumni** are welcome to attend the Brotherhood Sunday breakfast meetings. Check the What's New column under Sunday dates for details.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre. For information, call **Shelley Dunkelman,** 789-5131, ext. 2273, or **Avraham Leibovich,** 633-2630. Aluma looks forward to a Purim Party with dinner and entertainment by **Boris Neiman,** 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Assembly Room of the Wagman Centre. Cost is $12.50 for members, $15, non-members. To reserve, call Shelley or Avraham.

Nutrition for the Older Adult, a lecture by public health nutritionist Sandra Keller, is set for 1.30-2.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the Wagman Centre Assembly Room. Admission is free, but to ensure seating, register at the Wagman Centre Office, 789-5131, ext. 2267, by March 28.

Take a morning break and join in a literary event featuring poetry reading by **Ella Bobrow,** with recorded music by **Leon Zuckert,** Thursday, March 30 in the Wagman Centre Fireside Lounge. Coffee and muffin at 10 a.m., presentation, 10.30. Admission is $1. Register at the Wagman Centre office by Monday, March 27.

On Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m., part 1 of the movie comedy Tough Guys, starring Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas, will be screened at the Wagman Centre. Part 2 will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 26.

Terrace kosher meals are available seven days a week for $5.25 daily (except for Friday dinner, $7.25). They can be prepared salt free, bland, diabetic or for regular diets. To order, come to the Wagman Centre office one day in advance, purchase your take-out ticket and bring it to the Food Services office. If you have any questions, contact **Sharon Bizouati,** 785-2430.

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. gathers for lunch at 12 noon, followed by a bingo, Tuesday, March 21. Everyone, including non-members, always welcome. For details, call **Shirley Grotell,** 222-7727.

Come and spend an enjoyable afternoon at **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Friendship Club's** general meeting in the shul at 100 Elder St., 1 p.m., Sunday, March 19. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Members, $1, visitors, $2. For information, call **Bess,** 783-3206.

Labor Zionist Alliance Club activities continue as usual though some members are on holiday. The next monthly luncheon meeting is scheduled for 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22 at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The Cultural Group resumes meetings on Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. A 2-week Israel tour, sponsored by The LZA and the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, begins May 3. For registration and more details, call the Borochov Centre, 630-9444.

Beth Sholom Seniors opening meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Come out for an evening of entertainment and refreshments. Publicity chairman is **Eve Donsky,** 782-1068.

To avoid disappointment, book early for the **Earl Bales Seniors CLub** Purim Party featuring Gedalia Zweig and the Kiddush Club plus many surprises, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at the Community Centre in the park, Sheppard and Bathurst. Hamantashen and coffee will be served. Cost is $1 members, $1.50 non-members. Tickets are available at the clubhouse. Ongoing club activities include shuffleboard, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon; barbershop services, 9 a.m.-noon; Tai Chi, Mondays, 10-11 a.m; ballroom and line dancing. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon. For additional information call **Charles Cohen,** 741-4462 or Mary Gregg, 633-6184.

Celebrate Purim with **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** at the shul, 1 p.m. Monday, March 20, when singer-dancer **Fern Dworkin,** and accompanist **Paul Matthews,** offer a musical program. Members $2, guests, $3. Upcoming club outings include a musical, What About Love, at Cullen Barn, Wednesday, March 29 ($13 members, $14, guests); a National Ballet of Canada performance of The Merry Widow at O'Keefe Centre, Tuesday, May 9 and Kiss Me Kate at Stratford, May 15. Trips are planned to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 18-26 (deluxe rooms) and to Israel, in November. Call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Cantor Feldman sings for the **Bloor Good Age Club** 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the downtown 'Y,' corner of Bloor and Spadina. There will be no programs for the week of March 20. Programs resume Monday, March 27. For more information phone **Beverly Brock,** 924-6211.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Learn about the activities of the Red Cross Central Tracing Agency in a program entitled Anxious For News, Thursday, March 16 at 1.30 p.m. in the syna[illegible]

A Purim celebration with the Creative Choir takes place 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Hamantashen and coffee will be served. Members only, $2.

Rosalind Kates reviews **Margaret Atwood's** book, The Edible Woman, at a literary luncheon, 11.30 a.m. Thursday, March 16. Members only, $5.

A new Skills for Living course with **Harriet Sharkey,** starts Tuesday, March 21. To register, call **Suzanne Lando,** 225-2112.

The film, A House Divided, four moving stories of elderly abuse, will be screened at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Call **Shari** or **Sheila** 225-2112.

ROM ACTIVITIES

Join Royal Ontario Museum scientists at one of the March Break touch tables. March Break is March 13-17 and 20-23.

About People

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Ilana Sacknovitz has been awarded a Dr. Samuel Belkin scholarship at Stern College for Women in New York City, an undergraduate division of Yeshiva University. She will receive grants of up to $6,000 over the course of her studies at YU.

Ilana Sacknovitz

Sacknovitz, the 18-year-old daughter of **Rabbi Howard** and **Esther Sacknowitz,** is an economics major and graduate of Ulpanot Orot School in Downsview.

SMADAR PERETZ APPOINTED

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre announces the appointment of **Smadar Peretz** as for development, Canada. Peretz will be based in the centre's Toronto office.

Smadar Peretz

A native of Israel, Peretz served as news producer and reporter with Israel's army radio station. After graduating from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem she worked as director of public relations for the Israel Festival.

Peretz, who joins Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Canadian representative, **Sol Littma[illegible]** responsible for initiating and coo[illegible]cial events and regional dinners throughout Canada.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles Presents our 4th annual **Clevelands House** weekend in Muskoka, May 19th-22nd (Victoria Day Weekend). Featuring: tennis, live entertainment, murder mystery, parties. **222-7111.**

Total Living Mature Singles invite you to a Purim Ball, Saturday, March 18th, dancing from 8 - 11:30 p.m. Earl Bales Community Centre. Dress optional, prizes for best costume. Purim refreshments, door prizes, members $5, guests $6.

***GAMES JEWISH SINGLES PLAY**

A fun social evening for ages: Group A 26-40, Group B 41-69. Saturday, March 18 — 8 p.m. Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Admission $5. Refreshments. *Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Chutzpah, Scrabble etc. Early bird Bingo 8-9 p.m. Prizes. Information Mollie 889-5555, Myrna 223-6028.

Mix 'n Mingle, 50's & 60's dance. Sunday, March 19, 8:00 p.m. Hannibals. Refreshments, door prize. $10.00

Lishar Productions is back as one can see, so kick off your shoes to this partee. On Thursday, March 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. is the place to be at **P.M. Toronto** at 50 Peter St. we all will be. 6 bucks it takes, so make it a date. For more info call 783-6261.

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Dr., Downsview, is organizing its last singles party of the season, Saturday, March 25. Tennis round-robin from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. Refreshments. Cost: $17.00. Dance only $8.00. Reserve early. Call Marcia Levine 638-1010.

J.C.C. Singles Network Monte Carlo Night and Dance, Saturday, March 25/89, 8:30 p.m. at 7015 Leslie Street, Thornhill. Admission $9. For more info call Luni at 889-0813. D.J., Light Bite, cash bar, black jack, big wheel, bingo etc.

Singles 50+ Brunch/Discussion. Sunday, March 26, 1989, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at N/E Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. Cost $7. Topic "Jewish Pleasure Principle" with Mitchell Mandel of Aish HaTorah Adult Learning Centre. For reservations call Risa or Mimi at 889-0813.

Adath Israel Singles Oneg Shabbat — *"AIDS and the Jewish Dimension" presented by Dr. Andrew Simor, Infectious Disease specialist of Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Uni[illegible]ty of Toronto, and Rabbi Sheldon Korn. Fri[illegible]March 31, 8:00 p.m. 37 Southbourne Ave[illegible]st/Wilson. 635-5340.

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Organizations and People

Met with Bogdanov in Israel

KGB official cooperating on Wallenberg: Cotler

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler said he has gained the cooperation of a "senior KGB official" in his inquiry into the fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

Cotler said he met in Israel with Rodimer Bogdanov, who is officially head of the Soviet Peace Committee and deputy director of the Institute of U.S. and Canada Affairs. He said they spoke for two hours about Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II, but promised Bogdanov he would not make public the contents of their conversation.

Cotler will be going to the Soviet Union in May to follow up on their meeting.

Cotler announced last month the formation of a committee of inquiry on Wallenberg by InterAmicus, the McGill-based international human rights advocacy program Cotler heads, in association with the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, which monitors signatory states' compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki accords.

There is already one Soviet on the committee, historian Mikhail Schlenov, president of the Jewish Cultural Association in Moscow. Other members are author and Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel; Samuel Pisar, an international lawyer and author based in Paris; Per Anger, former Swedish ambassador to Canada; Gideon Hausner, who was the prosecutor at the trial of Adolf Eichmann and is now chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee in Israel; and Cotler.

It is expected the committee will be able to make a report on its progress at the Conference on Humanitarian Affairs to be held in Paris in June, as part of the Helsinki process.

The committee hopes to gather all available evidence on what happened to Wallenberg after he was captured by the Red Army and interview witnesses itself. A report is to be published and presented to the Soviet government.

Cotler said there is both documentary evidence and witness testimony indicating that Wallenberg did not die in 1947 in prison as the Soviets have claimed, and may still be alive today.

The latest news on Wallenberg comes from a Swedish journalist who interviewed 60 Soviet emigres over the past five years claiming to have seen Wallenberg, he said.

Cotler was in the Soviet Union last year to press authorities for information on Wallenberg on behalf of the late Swede's family.

The committee is asking the Soviet Union to release Wallenberg if he is alive or, if he is not, to make a full public disclosure of the circumstances of his death and restore the honor of Wallenberg's name posthumously.

Cotler called Wallenberg a "lost hero of the Holocaust" and a symbol of the struggle for human rights.

He believes that, in the spirit of glasnost, the Gorbachev regime may be more open to talking about Wallenberg, noting that the Soviet Union has recently shown a frankness in filling the "blank spaces of its history.

The members of the committee come from countries where Wallenberg was a citizen or honorary citizen.

Wallenberg, who would be 77 if he is alive, saved as many as 20,000 Hungarian Jews from being deported to Nazi death camps by supplying them with Swedish passports and by creating a compound of Swedish safe houses.

He was arrested when the Soviet army entered Budapest in January, 1945, and the official Soviet story is that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in 1947 in Lubianka prison, but this has never been verified.

The Soviet Union denied any knowledge of Wallenberg until 1957 when Nikita Krushchev admitted that someone called Wallenberg had been wrongfully held after the war, but had died in 1947.

There have been a number of testimonies from former prisoners repatriated from the Soviet Union that they had known Wallenberg in prison in the 1950s and 60s, and the Swedish government, the Helsinki signatories and the Wallenberg family continue to seek a satisfactory explanation from the Soviets.

The creation of the committee was announced in connection with the second annual Raoul Wallenberg Lecture in Human Rights which was given at McGill by Pisar, who has visited the Soviet Union frequently as part of his law practice and led a French humanitarian mission to Armenia after the earthquake.

The lectureship, inaugurated at McGill in 1987 by Wiesel, is co-sponsored by the law faculty and InterAmicus, and endowed by the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University in honor of Cotler.

Indig gets Edmonton post

MONTREAL —

Sidney Indig, Allied Jewish Community Services' administration director, will take up the directorship of the Edmonton Jewish Federation beginning April 1.

The appointment will spell the end to Indig's 9-year tenure at AJCS, first in Combined Jewish Appeal's (CJA) Community Division and then the Sepharade Division.

Indig then worked as a CJA campaign associate and senior associate before being named to his latest post at AJCS two years ago.

With the appointment, Indig became the fourth AJCS professional in 30 years to take over the reins in Edmonton, a city of about 5,000 Jews.

Indig anticipated an active docket of work. Edmonton is expected to attract a large proportion of an anticipated major influx of Soviet Jews in the near future. Already, it is second only to Toronto in Soviet Jewish population.

The goals Indig has set for himself and the community in Edmonton are to "maintain a high community relations profile in the post-Keegstra era," improve United Jewish Appeal performance, build on the "inter-agency" relationships in the city, and to foster stronger ties between the federation and Edmonton's three synagogues.

Indig also looked forward to dealing with Edmonton's Jewish education system, which he called "marvellous." The Alberta government picks up three-quarters of the cost in the Jewish day school system.

He looked forward to his new post, but admitted he would miss AJCS friends, colleagues and volunteers. The Jewish community "has been very special to me and my family," he said.

TOWN OF Vaughan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

At the direction of Vaughan Council, a study is being prepared by the Town of Vaughan Planning Department to review zoning standards within the R1-V Old Village Residential Zone of By-law 1-88 as it relates to the Old Thornhill Village Area, as shown on the map. The purpose of this study is to determine the nature of amendments to By-law 1-88 which should be enacted to protect the desireable characteristics of the area while allowing sufficient flexibility to provide for the creations of new housing stock.

Vaughan Council has scheduled a hearing to notify the public and receive comments, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1989
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vaughan Civic Centre
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Written comments of any persons unable to attend should be received no later than April 5, 1989, or hand delivered prior to the meeting date. Please refer to Files 19.25 and Z.20.89. Further information may be obtained by visiting or contacting the Vaughan Planning Department at 832-8565. A copy of the subject staff report will be available from the Vaughan Clerk's Department on the Friday preceding the meeting, after 12:00 noon.

JOHN H. STEVENS, Director of Planning
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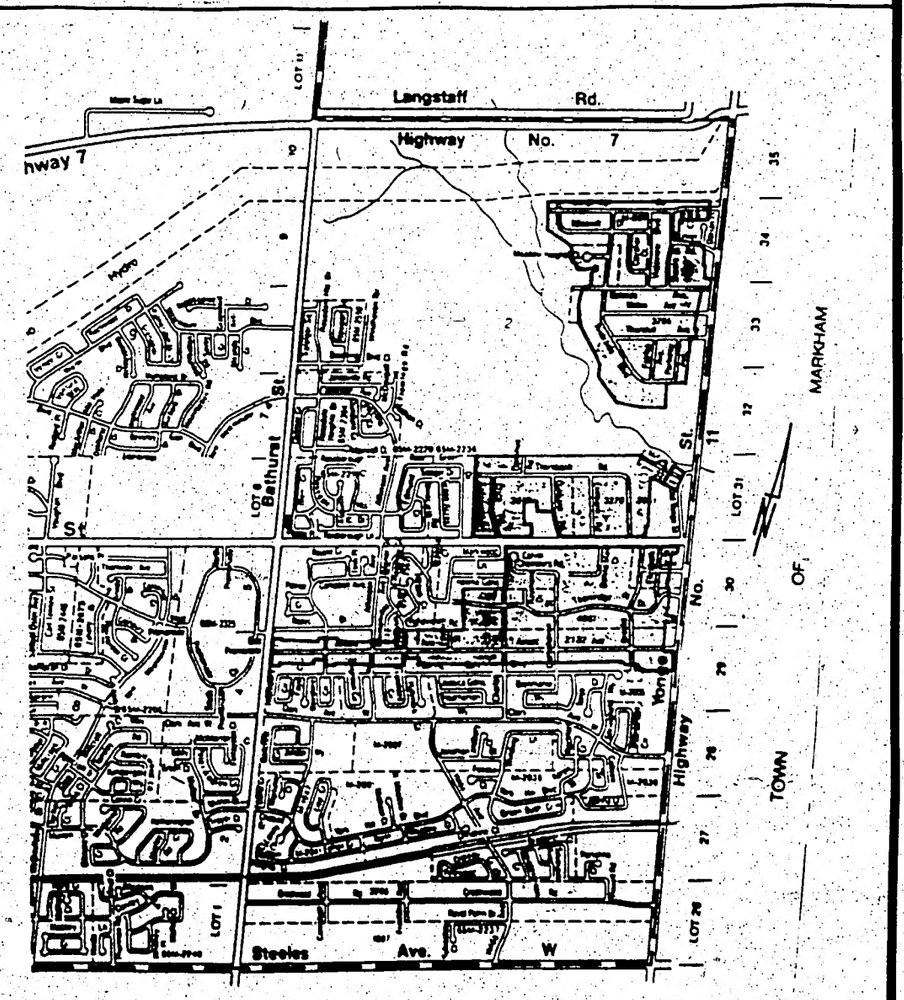

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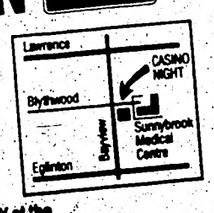

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Organizations and People

Rosenne calls for fresh look at Israel-Egypt treaty

Pact seen as basis for peace with Palestinians

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
The anniversary of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, signed a decade ago March 26 also signals an opportunity to take a fresh look at the document as a basis for peace with the Palestinians, its legal architect said at a news conference.

"The impossible is possible in the Middle East," said Meir Rosenne, dismissing the notion that the accord was no longer held to be a realistic basis for resolving the Israel-Palestinian question.

In fact, said Rosenne, the former Israeli ambassador to France and the United States, "Today, it is the only document with binding force" among Middle East powers.

While sometimes referred to as a "cold peace," the Israeli-Egyptian peace has held fast in the face of detractors and is "solid and strong," Rosenne said.

Meir Rosenne

Rosenne, now the international president and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds, was generally optimistic about chances for peace, although he rejected outright Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) declarations about recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism.

This is because PLO chairman's statements to the Arab world have "not changed," and the PLO continues to uphold its charter and attempt incursions into Israel, Rosenne said.

And despite reports that most Israelis would be willing to enter into negotiations with the PLO, this is the case only "under certain conditions," Rosenne said, like dropping its charter.

Rosenne said Israelis voiced their support of government policy in the voting booths, noting that rejection of the PLO crosses party lines. Some 95% of government MKs won't talk to the PLO, Rosenne said.

Arafat "will not be the interlocutor for peace."

Most of the former ambassador's optimism came from his faith in the accord, which includes provisions for a 5-year transitional plan towards Palestinian "full autonomy," speaks of "legitimite rights," and stipulates the participation of Palestinian representatives in discussing the "modalities of establishing elective self-governing authority."

Rosenne was also encouraged by the Cairo meeting between Soviet and Israeli foreign ministers Eduard Shevardnaze and Moshe Arens, but said Israel would not cave into Soviet pressure for an international conference with PLO participation as a condition for reestablishing formal ties.

Egypt and Israel proved direct negotiations are the best appraoch for peace, Rosenne said. The Soviets broke off relations 21 years ago and the ball is in their court to start them up again, he said.

Rosenne repeated the Israeli position that it is "ready to negotiate with anyone," but not at an international forum. "It is a question of existence.

It is also Rosenne's view that Palestinian cooperation in enforcing the Camp David Accord might have averted the intifada. Israel's duty now is to stay there to "ensure the security of the population and armed forces."

Israel would be under equal attack were it to withdraw, opening the door to assassinations of Palestinian moderates and fights between Palestinian factions.

Rosenne said world Jewry still stands behind Israel, with a record $750 million in Bonds sales anticipated in 1989, 35% of which is from non-Jewish financial institutions.

UJA cleanup telethon comes through big

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
UJA's recent division-spanning cleanup telethon went with a proven formula for success and raised $125,000 with the participation of 160 volunteers.

Super Sunday, the Sequel, a project of UJA's New Leadership Council chaired by David Engel and Glennie Lindenberg, began on a Sunday morning in February and continued on through the day and evening.

Committee participants Perla Arditti, David Brown and Stan Tepner were pleased by the size of the volunteer turnout and said, "We're grateful to everyone who came out for the part they played in helping us reach a total that exceeded our expectations for a cleanup at this late date."

The old movie posters that adorned the walls of the 4th floor Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building, plus theatre passes and other prizes handed out throughout the duration of the telethon, contributed to the "theatrical sense of occasion," those involved said.

Don Rafelman, 1989 campaign co-chairman, was on hand for part of the day as were many representatives from the campaign leadership.

There was an additional $24,000 still to be chalked up before the windup of telethon organized by UJA New Leadership Council. Keeping track of ongoing totals are Perla Arditti, Stan Tepner and David Brown.

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Organizations and People

Plans on making 89 a record year for sales

Grossman chairman of Ottawa Bonds campaign

OTTAWA —

Thomas Grossman has been appointed 1989 general campaign chairman of State of Israel Bonds for Ottawa.

Upon being named, Grossman announced that his goal is to make 1989 a record year for Bond sales in Ottawa.

"If we expand the market by explaining the product, we'll attract a good core of new, first-time buyers of Israel Bonds," he said.

"First of all," he said, "we must emphasize that buying an Israel Bond is not giving to charity. When you buy a bond, you are investing in Israel, true; but Israel gives you a good return on your investment. You are investing in the survival of our people, but that is a whole other story.

"We also have to point out that Israel, with all of her challenges and all of her problems, has never defaulted. Israel has always paid what she agrees to pay."

However, it is possible to buy a Bond and make a charitable donation at the same time, he said.

Grossman explained that one can buy a Bond, then donate it to a synagogue, Hillel lodge, hospital, university or any worthy cause or organization.

"Then, you're doing a double mitzvah and receiving a tax benefit, too," Grossman said.

Born and raised in Ottawa and a long-time member of Beth Shalom synagogue, Grossman knows the Ottawa community well, both Jewish and non-Jewish. In addition to his duties as president of the Boyd Group of Companies and other business interests, he is involved in numerous charities and worthy causes.

Among them are: chairman, March of Dimes, 1975 Campaign; Rehabilitation Institute of Ottawa, Ottawa Kiwanis, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith, Parliament Lodge, where he served five years as fund raising chairman; Friends of the National Gallery, Jewish National Fund, Resource Educational Advocacy for the Handicapped, and the Snowsuit Fund.

As chairman of the State of Israel Bonds campaign, Grossman plans to have two vice-chairmen this year, one in charge of administration, one responsible for sales and public relations.

"I want to encourage people to simply get involved, to give me some of their time and energy," he says. "On my team this year there'll be no pressure to buy Bonds; the more volunteers I have, the more Bonds we'll sell as a team. It's as simple as that."

CJC-police begin talks

RICHMOND HILL —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has conducted the first of what it hopes will be a series of discussions and dialogue on Jewish issues with police officers.

Bernie Farber, Ontario research director of Congress's Joint Community Relations Committee, appeared recently before about a dozen senior officers of the York Regional Police, who were taking part in one of the force's ethnic relations seminars.

The sprawling region encompasses a huge area north of Metro, taking in everything north of Steeles Ave. up to Lake Simcoe, and on the east, from 10th Line, west to Highway 50.

The area is three times the size of Metro and has a population of about 400,000. However, it is among the fastest growing communities in Canada, with many young couples moving north of Metro.

The Jewish community represents the second largest ethnic group in York Region.

Farber outlined for the officers some concerns of Congress which he called "the Parliament of Canadian Jewry," and the Jewish community's main umbrella organization.

Foremost among them are the proliferation of anti-Jewish literature, hate propaganda and incidents of graffiti.

Farber, who also conducts lunch-hour race relations workshops for high school students, outlined for the police the breakdown of the Jewish community along religious and ethnic lines, from the Orthodox to the secular. He also explained the differences between Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities and discussed recent Jewish demographic changes in the region.

He included a brief history of Jewish immigration Canada and touched on how deeply the Holocaust has shaped Jewish thought and actions today.

Jewish sensitivities today revolve around anti-semitism and anti-semitic incidents, Farber noted. He reminded the officers of a precedent-setting case last year in which a judge ruled that those who commit racially motivated crimes should receive tougher sentences than other criminals in order to reflect society's revulsion to racist acts.

Jewish feminist groups to celebrate Purim holiday

By SHAYLA GUNTER

TORONTO —

Several groups will celebrate Purim with songs, dances, plays and music in an all-women environment in an event billed as The First Annual Toronto Feminist Purim Shpiel at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 18.

There are a number of Jewish feminist groups here who haven't had a chance to get together and Purim is a good occasion to meet and celebrate since it honors women and illustrates feminist actions and values, says Frieda Forman, a spokesperson for the feminist organization Shvester.

Some of the organizations taking part include Shvester, Rosh Chodesh, Women of the Chavura, the Jewish Lesbian Support Group and several participants from local congregations.

In the past, Queen Esth has been the heroine Purim — for her leadersh courage and strategy in planning to save the Jews, while Vashti has been reviled, Forman said. However, she added, Vashti also stood up for her rights to be a free thinking woman and so her feminist actions should also be celebrated.

It is such changing ideas and values that Jewish feminist groups hope Jews worldwide will adopt, Forman said. "Women share a sisterhood globally and have made enormous contributions to Jewish life, and continue to do so," she stated. "It is this notion that communities must recognize — rather than seeing feminists as a threat to traditional Jewish life.

The Purim Shpiel is meant to be an opportunity for women to come together in a positive way."

Costumes are encouraged for the event at the Lauren Goldhamer Studio on College St. Two tzedakah boxes will be provided for voluntary contributions; one to cover expenses and one to be donated to Mazon Canada. For more information, contact Liz 652-3812 or Frieda 531-2905.

Intifada perspective

TORONTO —

Danny Rubinstein, a columnist for Histadrut daily Davar, offers his perspective as an Israeli journalist on media coverage of the intifada when he speaks Thursday, March 16 in Room D, Main Floor at the Metro Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. The event is sponsored by the New Israel Fund.

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Encouraged husband to build mikvah after dream

Mourners hear deceased woman's unusual story

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
On a frosty Sunday at noon a couple of months ago, a small group of mourners was gathered beside an open grave at Adas Israel cemetery. They had come to bury Hannah Siegel, a woman few of them had known.

Alone and almost forgotten, Siegel had died at the age of 97 in a downtown Hamilton nursing home. Yet 30 years earlier, she and her late husband, Harry, had been the benefactors who had enabled the newly arrived young rabbi of Adas Israel Synagogue to restore authentic Orthodox observance to the tiny, neglected congregation.

As Rabbi Morton Green told the story, the shivers running down the backs of those present may not entirely have been due to the cold.

Among the mourners was Bea Matchen, case worker with Jewish Social Services. Several days before, she had received a call from the Hamilton Convalescent Centre, telling her that they had just sent "an elderly Jewish lady" to the Hamilton General Hospital.

The woman, she was told, had received no visitors in a long time, was uncommunicative, refused food and was clearly dying.

When Matchen arrived at the hospital, she was confronted by "a tiny, shrivelled person, more dead than alive. Wondering what she could do, Matchen decided to try Yiddish, and taking the old woman's hand, she asked if there was anything she wanted. To her surprise and that of the nurses, the woman asked for warm milk.

Matchen continued talking to her in Yiddish. Suddenly the woman responded with: "Ich hob geben tzedakah. Ich hob geben tzedakah (I have given to tzedakah)." And still holding Matchen's hand, she proceeded to recite a prayer and the Shema.

On the advice of Chevrah Kadisha president Aaron Shiffman, Matchen next day went back to try to obtain the woman's name and that of her father, so that she could receive a proper Jewish burial.

Again Matchen held her hand and, speaking Yiddish, asked what she had been called. "Henya," replied the woman. "Henya Zuckerman." Her father's name, she said, had been Moishe.

Siegel, Shiffman later told Matchen, had once been a member of Adas Israel Congregation and she and her husband had provided the money for the building of the mikvah.

She died the following day and at the graveside, Rabbi Green told the story.

It was 1959, his first year here after having been ordained at Yeshiva University. His congregation numbered 75 families. The shul on Cannon St. was old and inadequate and support for the construction of a new Orthodox synagogue was almost non-existent. Furthermore, to his great dismay he had discovered that Hamilton had no mikvah. (Hamilton's previous mikvah had been closed in the early 1940s).

He went to New York to consult with Rabbi Dovi Lifshitz, one of the Roshei Yeshiva, who told him that he should return to Hamilton and immediately begin working towards the building of a mikvah.

"I had ambivalent feelings," confessed Green. With so little support for the building of a synagogue, what chance would there be for a mikvah?

But on his return to Hamilton, Green found Harry Siegel, a retired peddler in his late 70s, sitting on the steps of the Cannon St. shul anxiously waiting for him.

"He told me about a dream in which a man with a long white beard had come to him and told him that he should contribute money to me for a holy purpose.

"I went home with him. The house he lived in was very, very poor, the furniture old and dilapidated. . ." Siegel went to a drawer and took out a bag filled with one, two and some 5-dollar bills.

"When I saw this large bag filled with money," Green continued, "I told him I could not take it without two other people as witnesses."

Later, in the presence of two witnesses, Siegel counted out $4,000.

At that time, construction of a mikvah would have cost at least $20,000, "but it was at least a start." Green tried to interest a number of influential people in the project, but all refused.

Several months later, when he had almost given up hope, "Mr. Siegel summoned me again and informed me that he had had another dream in which the same man came to him and told him that I required more money."

This time, in the presence of the late Max Hoffman and Harold Bornstein, Siegel counted out $15,000.

On both occasions, recalled the rabbi, Mrs. Siegel was present "and not only agreed, but kept repeating that this was the greatest mitzvah!"

That Hannah Siegel died alone and forgotten was "one of those tragedies that unfortunately occasionnally occur." There had been rumors, said Green, that she had moved to Toronto.

According to JSS executive director Carol Krames, Siegal had at one point been moved to a home in Stoney Creek and some time later she was brought back to Hamilton. "But no one informed us," and in cases where there is family, explained Krames, "unless they let us know, we have to assume that they do not want us to visit."

Matchen, who makes these visits for JSS, regularly saw patients at the home but was never told about Siegel.

A stepdaughter in Toronto "had been very good to her," but lately ill health and other troubles had prevented her from visiting. Siegel apparently had no relatives of her own, but two stepchildren attended the funeral.

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Organizations and People

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Jewish students' groups, CVI create Israel tour

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —
What is termed the ideal affordable student tour of Israel has been created by the Jewish Student Federation at York University and Jewish Students' Union/Hillel at the University of Toronto in conjunction with Canadian Volunteers for Israel.

This tour is not only for those students who have never been to Israel. It promises new and exciting experiences for the well-travelled and the uninitiated, and the organizers say it is designed specifically for students at $1,649 Canadian.

Denis Zamel, president of the JSU/Hillel student executive told The CJN that "months have been invested speaking with students to find out exactly what they wanted to see in a tour. He called the trip "a tour for students, by students."

Upon landing, students will be launched into the exciting Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations for Israel's Independence Day. Then a seminar will be presented on Israel's current situation, followed by tours around Jerusalem and meetings with Israelis involved in current issues.

For two weeks participants will experience the Volunteers for Israel program. Two weeks will be spent on a army base, volunteering time for routine tasks to help relieve the burden of Israeli soldiers. In this way, they help to serve the country and at the same time learn about Israeli culture.

Anna Urowitz of the Jewish Students' Union/Hillel, who was involved last year in the program said that Volunteers for Israel was "a great learning experience that taught me a lot about Israeli society."

Thousands of people have already participated in this program, "and all have returned exuberant" said Alex Igelman of the Student Federation.

The last part of the trip is extensive touring of Israel including sightseeing in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Eilat, participating in an archeological dig, climbing Masada at sunrise, swimming in Israel's four seas and a barbeque on the Mediterranean coast.

An afternoon will be spent learning about Beit Dagan, Toronto's Project Renewal town. Students will view the community improvements made possible with funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal. Participants will also experience the hospitality of the residents over dinner.

Karen Anthony associate director of the Jewish Students' Union/Hillel described the tour "as a unique opportunity to help Israel, tour and experience the land to its fullest and meet other students from across Canada."

There will be organized spare time to allow the students to do their own thing, with most weekends free for participants to visit friends and relatives. For those students who do not have anywhere in Israel to stay, home hospitality will be provided with an Israeli family.

Claire Sookman, director of the Jewish Student Federation said, "This trip is a terrific deal. With the subsidized airfare provided by Volunteers for Israel, students are able to spend five weeks working, learning, and touring the country."

Organizers are fast to point out however that space is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Applications must be received with a $45 non-refundable registration no later than Thursday, March 23.

For further information contact Jewish Students' Union/Hillel at 923-9861 or Jewish Student Federation at 736-5178.

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The Israel Support and Action Coalition of the Jewish Students' Union/Hillel at the University of Toronto is presenting the Israeli feature film Late Summer Blues.

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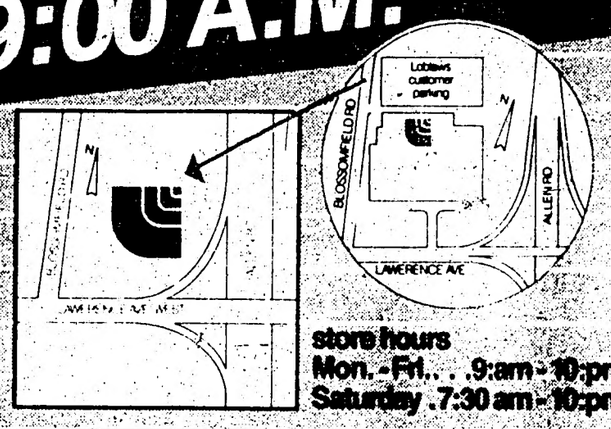

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Pioneers in Active Retirees in Israel

Winnipeggers promote travel, work program

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Four years ago, Itz and Rose Jacob were pioneers in a new B'nai B'rith program — Active Retirees in Israel.

The American-based Active Retiree Program, and a similar JNF program that was started a bit later, offer North American seniors a 3-month working vacation and ulpan. The Jacobs and another Winnipeg couple, Sheldon and Shirley Pawlow, were the only Canadians in a North American group of seniors.

Itz Jacob, 66, was so enthusiastic about his experiences on the program that he has inspired, through his slides and his enthusiasm, a couple of dozen other Winnipeggers to go on the JNF program.

Jacob is a retired garment manufacturer who is best known in the community for his musical ability. In the 1950s and 60s, he estimated he and his brother, Aubrey, in combination with other musicians played over half the bar mitzvah parties and Jewish wedding receptions held in Manitoba.

"It was a hobby and a way to earn a few extra bucks," said the former drummer. "We sang popular and Yiddish songs. People enjoyed our music."

Although he put away his drums over 20 years ago, Jacob and his brother still do concerts for Jewish seniors groups and Jewish seniors homes. "We never refuse a request," he said. "We sing the old chestnuts but do modern Israeli songs, too.

Itz Jacob (right) and custodian at Netanya elementary school.

"We still look for new material. We were given Hadassah Life Memberships a couple of years ago for our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut and Mother's Day programs at the Sharon Home (for the aged).

Avid golfers, Itz and Rose bought a trailer after he sold his business in 1978 and spent several winters travelling the continent searching out new golf courses and, in the process, seeing the country and making new friends.

They were opening their mail after returning from a 3-month tour of Western Canada in 1985 and noticed a story about the new Active Retirees program in their B'nai B'rith Journal.

"We had been in Israel twice before for short visits," said Jacob. "We always wanted to go back for an extensive period. We liked what we read of the Active Retiree Program then in its first year. A working holiday looked like a great way to go." We wrote away for an application right away."

Their three months in Israel in the winter of 1986 turned out to be better than the Jacobs anticipated. Based in Netanya, Itz Jacob and another volunteer were assigned to assist a custodian in an elementary school.

"I speckled and painted corridors and classroom walls," he said, "and I became an expert at repairing blackboards. In Israeli schools, the blackboards are simply walls painted with green slate."

"The important point is that we were not taking jobs away from anyone. We were there to assist."

The volunteers all worked mornings, five days a week, for 2½ months. Afternoons were free and there were two ulpan classes — the beginners before dinner, the advanced after dinner. The Jacobs went to both.

There were daily tours and more extended tours every couple of weeks. The group was also taken to the Pinchas Sapir Forest to clear underbrush and plant trees and, while on a visit to an archeological site, Itz Jacob and Sheldon Pawlow cleared out a wine press.

Jacob carried his camera with him everywhere. When he got back home, he put together a slide show for anyone interested in seeing them. He has shown the slides and talked up Israel to "at least a dozen" organizations.

"I wanted to show other retirees there is an alternative to going south and sitting in the sun," he said. "You can go to Israel and do something and help out. Of the 22 people from here who went in 1987, at least 18 of them went as a result of seeing my slide show."

The Jacobs intended to go back in 1987 but had to put their plans on hold when Rose needed surgery. This year, one of their daughters had a baby.

"Now we're hoping to go back next year," said Itz Jacob.

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Organizations and People

Holocaust films seen beneficial to survivors

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN
TORONTO —

Watching films about the Holocaust can help people to work through the emotional traumas of the past, says psychiatrist Ronald Ruskin.

In a presentation to the Ontario Psychiatric Association, Ruskin explained how films about the Holocaust can be utilized in psychotherapy. Co-authored by his wife Marilyn, a social worker, and Ken Dancyger, professor of film at York University, the paper is the first on the topic ever presented, the psychiatrist said.

The psychological aftereffects of the Holocaust still darken the lives of many survivors, manifesting themselves in nightmares about the war, repression of memories, psychosomatic disorders, anxiety and depression, Ruskin said.

Some survivors are still tortured by feelings of guilt for their survival when so many of their families and friends were murdered.

Many people will not talk about the past because it is too painful to confront, Ruskin said. "Films or books can be used with certain individuals to work through anxiety-laden experiences connected with the past and somehow come to terms with them, in a safe environment," he explained.

Not only survivors of the Holocaust and their families can benefit, but other victims of massive psychic trauma, including abused women, Ruskin said.

Dr. Bernie Trossman in the U.S. in 1968, was one of the first to use film in this way. Through The Pawnbroker, he demonstrated that the experiences from the past can burden people in the present.

Writing books can also trigger buried memories, he said, adding that there have been an increasing number of both films and books with the Holocaust as a central theme in the last 20 years which reflects a growing preoccupation with the subject.

"We must take this opportunity to expose, discuss and confront such issues in the area of cultural experience," Ruskin said. "As clinicians and therapists we are interested not only in the patient, but in the culture that surrounds him or her."

But a quandary exists: namely how to transmit through films and books, the unspeakable outrages of the Holocaust without laundering or trivializing.

We must take that risk, Ruskin argues. The good far outweighs the bad. Even Gerald Green's maligned Holocaust series on television, had a powerful effect, informing and stirring up people who had been ignorant and indifferent.

Ruskin's wife's parents have helped to give him a deeper understanding of the Holocaust and motivated his interest, both as a Jew and professionally. Both are from Poland, and both lost virtually their entire families during the war.

Ruskin is on the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital and has a private practice. He is also the author of The Last Panic, a novel about terrorism and a new novel which will be published.

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Organizations and People

Canadian Jews in delegation

Video of Babi Yar memorial ceremony shown

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
A video of a memorial ceremony at Babi Yar in which members of the Canadian United Jewish People's Order participated along with a delegation of Russians, Ukrainians and members of Kiev's Jewish community had its premiere here recently at the Winchevsky Centre.

The ceremony took place last May at the Babi Yar monument located at the site of the ravine within the city limits of Kiev where the bodies of some 70,000 Jews and 30,000 other Soviet citizens killed by the Nazis are buried in a mass grave.

With the Babi Yar portion of the video filmed by a Kiev television crew, the ceremony reached an emotional climax when members of the Canadian delegation, mostly Holocaust survivors and their relatives, sang the famous Yiddish battle song of the Warsaw Ghetto Zog Nit Keinmol (Never say).

David Abramowitz, national president of the UJPO, said it was the first time such a ceremony has taken place at Babi Yar. "It reflects the current liberalism in the Soviet Union as well as quiet but persistent efforts by the UJPO."

Commenting on the atrocities there during World War II, Abramowitz said: "Babi Yar represents the tragedy which results from fascism."

Several wreaths were also laid at the base of the monument, including one from a Ukrainian girl scout troop, and numerous speeches were made honoring the murdered civilians and pledging vigilance against fascism.

The poem Babi Yar, written by Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko in 1972, and a lament at that time to the fact that no monument stood to honor the murdered victims, was read in English, Russian and Yiddish.

This poem, from the pen of a non-Jew, stirred the consciousness of the world, and the Soviet government subsequently put a monument up to the victims.

Muni Taub, a member of the UJPO here in Toronto, and a principal organizer of the tour, said officials of Ukrainian Television have agreed to provide more film for a lengthened version of the video, notably the rabbi of Kiev chanting a memorial prayer and some closeups of the monument itself, a sculpture depicting a group of people before they were shot.

Abramowitz narrated the video, the first part of which consists of still photos of the tour his organization took in Poland just prior to their arrival in Babi Yar.

Highlights of that tour, as shown in the photos, included visits to the Warsaw Ghetto, the Jewish cemetery there, the ghetto in Lodz and to the sites of the Auschwitz and Treblinka death camps.

The delegation also participated in a ceremony in the Polish parliament, where medals were handed out to righteous Polish Gentiles who helped save Jews from the Nazis.

It was here in Warsaw that the delegation also held a ceremony before a monument paying homage to the fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943.

Young people discuss kibbutz in 21st century

TORONTO —
The kibbutz in the 21st century was the subject of a discussion recently at the United Kibbutz Movement's North American conference.

The session, led by Shaika Ronen, Kibbutz Aliya Desk representative in New York, discussed the way the kibbutz is trying to adapt to the changing Israeli society.

More specifically, it dealt with the continuing struggle for equality between the sexes, the striving for progressive education, the industrialization of kibbutzim and the realities of democracy, cooperation and equal opportunity.

Most of the 25 young people at the conference were from Toronto.

"The kibbutzim are in need of pioneering ideological people to come and help build the Jewish State," said Stanley Yahav, the United Kibbutz Movement representative.

"To make aliya to a kibbutz is not easy, we try to encourage the forming of groups (garin) so that the individual has a support group," said Yoel Skolnik, a member of Kibbutz Kisufin and the coordinator of Garin Yardan.

Every year the group meets three or four times, decides together what is important to them in a kibbutz, sends representatives to see the kibbutz and then goes to the kibbutz together.

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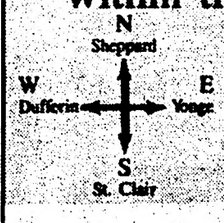

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Robert Krief gets foot into leathers ...

By MARIE MOORE

Born in Casablanca, Morocco, Montreal-based designer Robert Krief's family is rich with artistic talent and culture.

His family emigrated to Canada when Krief was 10 and it was just two years later that he began working with leather hides at his father's shoe factory.

"Definitely, the shoes helped me to develop as a leather and suede designer. It's very technical with shoes and this taught me lots of tricks for production," he said, adding that his brother still designs shoes.

"Family is very important to me. My brothers and I always work as a team. One is in marketing, one computers. One travels six months of the year and I really miss his input when he's away but the ideas he brings back from around the world are a big help to me."

As Krief's interests turned to garments, the Canadian market also began recognizing leather as a viable commodity. Quality leathers became more accessible.

"I started with a very special lambsuede. It had a very, very thin nature with a super soft texture. It was a big jump from the cowhides and coarser lambs that were being used at the time. It draped beautifully and was the perfect product to introduce my first line in leather.

"I began with a lot of length and volume with coats. I asked my tanneries to continue with the same softness but slowly develop more texture, giving the skin more body. This would accommodate the more body-conscious styles I wanted to design; cleaner lines that needed softness but would hang too limply with a very supple skin."

The exotic ambience of his youth helped him to interpret the trends in garments as clearly as his family had done with shoes.

"The criteria that was Canadian fashion was not something I had to confine myself to. I felt free to indulge my whims; I did not feel limitations because of my confidence. I had a lot of drive inside of me."

Krief points out that "working leather" is different from designing with fabric.

"You have to understand the flow of it. We see many aspects of the product that the consumer doesn't real-

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The mini and flaired jacket (above) create a clean, tailored look. The coat (below) fulfills Krief's creed that clothing can create mystery.

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ize. When you cut the skins, you must accommodate the excessive bulk which may result when a women pushes back her sleeve. With a fabric like wool, this doesn't happen but with leather, you must plan for it ... factor it in," he said.

"I avoid gimmicks on my garments, instead I work with details like colorful, contrasting fabric inside the coats and jackets. For spring I am using Boussac, an expensive and exclusive material."

This viscose/cotton blend is also offered in scarves which accessorize perfectly rolled cuffs and collars found on the jackets and coats.

Krief's clothes feature a fresh attitude for spring. Colors include golden yellow, mint, fuchsia, white, black, azure blue and fire-engine red. They mix and match well — the brights look especially good with the black.

His silhouettes move away from the ultra-fitted look.

"In my opinion, the very tight fits have been very damaging to the fashion industry. A woman has been revealing herself too much in her clothes. There is no charisma or mystery — the clothes create an interest that is far too intimate," he said.

So Krief confines himself to styles which are contemporary but moderate. Women spend a great deal of money on clothes and Krief contends that a major investment like leather should last with timeless style as well as quality.

How much will a Krief ensemble cost?

A blouson, bolero jacket retails for $680 while shorter and more fitted styles are $450. Skirts range from $330 to $380 and a ¾-length swing coat is $1,200. Krief's famous baseball jacket in leather costs $760.

A lower-priced line (with trendier styling) is also available. Krief's Paris-Texas label and boutique feature younger silhouettes in fun colors. Many of these pieces are unisex and range in price about $350 to $600.

Krief purchases his skins from the best European tanneries. He says that the Italian tannery that treats the majority of his stock is one of the best in the world.

"That's important to me. Special orders are a regular part of my business.

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CORRECTION

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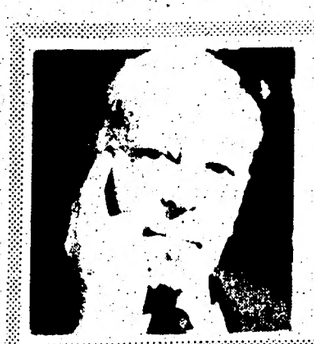

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish Childhood. Edited by Antony Kamm and Norman Jeffares. McClelland and Stewart, $34.95.

Who can forget the experiences and impressions of childhood? They are indelibly imprinted on our hearts and embedded in our consciousness. What happens to us during our formative years molds our character and essential outlook on life.

The example of parents is paramount. Children have never been very good at listening to their elders but they have never failed to imitate them. The Hebrew word for parents is horim, which comes from the same root as moreh, teacher. They remain the most important teachers the child will ever have.

This admirable anthology of Jewish childhood experiences brings together a selection of brief pieces from fiction, memoirs, poetry and autobiography. The contributors who grew up in the United States, Canada, Britain, Russia, Europe and Israel dredge up recollections that are tragic, humorous, exotic, fearful and surprising. Many of the selections open windows on contemporary social conditions and historical events.

The hundred or so pieces begin with Heinrich Heine who presents his notion of God and concludes with Gary Kasparov, the world chess master, who comments on his early love for chess and how at the age of 6 he was able to defeat his father. In between are contributions by writers, actors and entertainers, artists, musicians, scientists and statesmen.

• Sely Brodetsky who served as president of the Hebrew University recalls that when he was 11 he became famous as a scholar. "Long-bearded Talmudists came to hear me 'learning' in Yiddish, using my hands and the Gemara tune in the long-established ghetto tradition. After a time a special teacher was engaged at the Talmud Torah for me personally, who eked out a living by keeping a restaurant in addition to teaching; he often fell asleep in the middle of the lesson, and then I read books on shorthand, or German, which I kept hidden under the Talmud volume."

• Golda Meir remembers the swamps near Pinsk, "that seemed to me like oceans of mud and which we were taught to avoid like the plague. In my memory, those swamps are forever linked to my persistent terror of the Cossacks, to a winter night when I played with other children in a narrow lane near the forbidden blotte and then suddenly, Cossacks on their horses, literally galloping over our crouching, shivering bodies. 'Well,' said my mother later, shivering and crying herself, 'what did I tell you?' "

Enduring commentary

• Elie Wiesel brings to mind a concentration camp concert that was presented to an audience of dying and dead men. "Whenever I hear Beethoven played my eyes close and out of the dark rises the sad, pale face of my Polish friend, as he said farewell on his violin to an audience of dying men. I do not know for how long he played. I was overcome by sleep. When I awoke, in the daylight, I could see Juliek, opposite me, slumped over, dead. Near him lay his violin, smashed, trampled, a strange overwhelming little corpse."

• Chaim Bermant, the well known British novelist and journalist, began to lose attention during the rabbi's sermon at his bar mitzvah. In his mind he began to tally up his bar mitzvah presents: "Thirty-two pounds in notes; forty-seven pounds in checks; the Five Books of Moses, five times over; a child's version of the Talmud; the life of Lord Nelson; two histories of Mary Queen of Scots; The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, seven books on Jewish ethics; five sets of gold cufflinks; five pair of non-gold cufflinks; a bottle of Palestinian wine made in Manchester; a manicure set; and eleven fountain pens."

Suddenly the rabbi's voice burst in upon him: ". . . and therefore I say to you, there are two roads in life, the road iniquity and the road of virtue. Which road shall be yours?" 'The road of iniquity,' I shouted before I could recover my bearings. And at once the whole synagogue rose in commotion. When I went upstairs to kiss mother and my aunts, mother boxed my ears before the full congregation."

This unusual miscellany of reminiscences is an enduring commentary on the Jewish way of life — its tenacity, durability, humor and many-sidedness — as seen through the eyes of youth.

Meanderings ... by Jerry Borins
(Contributing writer - Matthew Borins)

Jerry Borins and his good buddy Gerry Yaffe taking a moment to pose for a photograph at the recent Variety Club Black Tie Dinner.

Jerry Borins as Yaakov the clown with one of the "kids" - Monty Goldstone who recently celebrated his 75th birthday!

It really is a small world! Last week I reported on my cousin **Jonathan's** hockey experiences. As I faxed the column to **Vera** and **Susan** at **The CJN**, two phone calls came in ... **Jerry Birnbaum C.A.** called to discuss the recent **Variety Club** Heart Award Luncheon (honouring **Ken McGowen**) and some business matters. Jerry is a dynamo with a warm and friendly personality! And his wife **Merle** is one of my favourite ladies dating back to her days on Vesta Drive ... and they're great friends of **Allen & Janet Werger** ... who are great chums of **Sid & Fran Barish** whose son **Howard** and his fiancee **Suzanne** recently won (at the Wheat Sheaf Tavern's Valentine Party) a free stay in the honeymoon suite, champagne and limo ride courtesy of the **Sutton Place Hotel Kempinski Toronto (Hans & Helga Gerhardt** - he's **Harriet**'s favourite celebrity **Great Lake Swimmer** who spoke and did a great presentation for Ken McGowen at the Luncheon I mentioned earlier) ... And speaking of **Variety**, I'm proud to report that my friend **Ron Thompson**, a marathon "wheelie" (in a wheelchair) from **Variety Village** is heading to the World Masters Tournament in Denmark this August. It's the **first time** disabled Master wheelies will be integrated at the Master Games. He is the road racing co-ordinator for Ontario. Ron was involved in the first "Masters for Wheelies" in 1967. The **Wheat Sheaf Tavern** is proud to be one of his five corporate sponsors. Did I ever tell you about my son **Richie**'s pal, **Howie Glowinski** and his **Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity** brothers arranging to play wheelchair basketball against the kids (including Andrew & Matthew Borins) at Variety Village? It was a wonderful surprise to see them and then they arranged to have a party at the Wheat Sheaf later that week. Bless you men! ... Good luck to **Kim Kowarsky** (great singer!) in her work at **The Speech & Stroke Centre - North York**, in programs to help maintain and improve communication for Adult stroke survivors with aphasia. The centre is in desperate need of volunteers, young and old (no experience necessary) to work with its members. If you are interested, please call the Centre's office at **226-3636** and ask for **Irene Hunter** ... **Danny Rosenzweig** C.A. also called about his & Marilyn's wonderful involvement with my recent **Variety Club Black Tie Dinner. Marilyn & Danny** have been mentioned here before for their great support of Israel and for being so sweet to me and also for their involvement in Adath Israel Synagogue. So it should be no surprise to you that **Jerry and Danny** are part of the firm whose team is in first place in the league in which my cousin Jonathan plays (see last week's **Schelberg** story) ... **Birnbaum, Prenick, Stekel & Co** - Chartered Accountants - and "Stekel" is **Moe** whose wife **Karen** was one of the **"bevy of beauties"** I hosted at an earlier **Variety-Gemini** awards luncheon ... Whew! It's a small world, isn't it!!

Sometimes I tell groups that are afraid of failure when planning a fund-raising, what a friend of mine always says: "Worst than can happen is you will fall flat on your face but at least you'll be moving forward." ... and yes, I did get a tour of **Laventhal & Horwath** offices by **Harvey Hecker** (who has one of my favourite offices). I saw old friends busy at work: **Ron Steinberg** and **Marty Storm**, (both from my old days in the 60's with **Pape, Strom, Sherman & Levine**) **James Slavens** (my J.N.F. and Negev dinner pal), **Roberta Boyd** (looking as beautiful as ever) but I didn't see **Eric Klein** (Variety Club and Celebrity Swimmer) **Lloyd** and **Al Lavine** (also from Pape) ... My hat's off: to **Vickers & Benson (Bill Bremner** and **Terry O'Malley)** for their fine production of commercials selling Toronto (**"TORONTITIS"**) on behalf of the **Metro Toronto Convention & Visitors Association**. As a board member, I was at **Nightwatch Studio** to watch the shooting. Lights, Camera, Action!! I felt like a behind-the-scenes **Norman Jewison**. MCTVA President **Bill Duron** is also on our Swim Board.

... The opening night of **LES MISERABLES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHAARE ZEDEK MEDICAL CENTER** was a huge success. I was very proud of the staff: **SHEILA DROPKIN, JUDY GORDON, SHIRLEY GROSSMAN, ROSE LEVI** and **SONDRA MOSCOE**. MORE ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE WHO LEAD THE WAY AND MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OF COURSE SOME NAMES (oh how you love those names) OF THOSE WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS OF SHAARE ZEDEK WHO MADE THIS SOLD-OUT EVENING SUCH A JOY TO ALL!! And, yes that was our radiant **National Executive Director Sheila Dropkin** selling the last 6 corner tickets at the entrance of the Royal Alex about an hour before the curtain went up ... to ensure a sell-out!!

Next time I will tell you about **Lawrence Silverberg**, the engagement party for **Aviva Isenberg** and **Jeffrey Shiff**, an evening for **Maureen McTeer (& Joe Clark)** at **Ted & Loretta Rogers**' beautiful home (their children are faithful customers of the **Wheat Sheaf Tavern**) and **Harry Ornest**, new **Argos** owner.

*NOTE: The following is a story written by Jerry's 11 year old son **Matthew**. We think you should know that he has been chosen to attend an Enrichment program in cartoon Animation. The classes will be directed by Artist, Aiko Suzuki and are funded by the Canada Arts Council, the North York Board of Education and his school. Matthew's twin brother **Andrew** was in the North Art Reach Program! They have also been invited by **The Honourable Lincoln Alexander - Lieutenant Governor of Ontario** to a reception this week at his suite at Queen's Park in honour of and to meet **HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH. Jerry & Harriet** are very proud of their twin sons' grit and determination. The boys are inconvenienced by celebral palsy but nevertheless have many accomplishments to their credit. Congratulations kids!! Good luck in your teaching art to the four special eight year old students at your school ...*

It was the night of March 3/89. My Dad, my brother and I were watching **"Larry King Live"**. Larry was interviewing a man called **FM2030** who is a person who predicts things about the year **2030**. My brother and I were telling my Dad to phone in. We were screaming at him, telling him to call in and say the guy is insane. He tried phoning 3 times and finally he got through. My brother and I were screaming when our Dad told us. A lady answered and said, "What is your question - give it to me fast"! My Dad said quickly - "How much is a burger and a pint of beer going to cost in 2030"? The lady said, "Hold on, I'll get back to you". She quickly came back and asked where he was from. My Dad answered, "Toronto, Canada". The lady said excitedly, "You're on next"! We were all yelling and laughing. Suddenly before we knew it Larry King said **"Toronto, Canada"** and my Dad proceeded with his question. **"Hi, I am Jerry from Toronto, Canada and I own the oldest tavern in the city**. What is a burger and a pint of beer going to cost in the year 2030"? Larry smirked and FM2030 answered. We were so excited that we didn't even wait to hear his answer. We quickly ran up to our mom's room and told her everything. She couldn't believe it. So my Dad was on **"Larry King Live"**!!

***Jerry Borins** has recently been appointed chairman of one of the **1989 UNITED WAY SPECIAL EVENTS** — Argonauts Forward Pass Promotion. It's dollar objective is $80,000.00!! ... All letters to **Jerry** should be sent to his office at **667 King St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5V 1M9**. Phone him if you want to volunteer your services to assist in any of his many worthwhile community projects ... **364-3996. You will be welcomed with open arms**! No experience necessary. How do you think Jerry got started?*

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Hyland plays a Jewess who's devoid of Jewish juices

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The drama critics for the three Toronto dailies dished out rave reviews for two imported plays currently on display.

I disagree with their verdict, and following are my dissenting reasons why.

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It especially pains me to differ with them over *Driving Miss Daisy*, which won the Pulitzer Prize last year for Jewish playwright Alfred Uhry.

His Off-Broadway comedy-drama is playing an open-ended run at the Bathurst Street Theatre (730 Bathurst St., near Bloor, 588-6800).

It's an 80-minute "odd couple" play about the touching relationship over a period of 25 years between a crotchety old Jewish widow in Atlanta (Frances Hyland) and her amiable Black chauffeur (Errol Slue).

I agree with my colleagues that it's a good play. I further agree that Hyland, a veteran at portraying crusty Shavian matriarchs at the Shaw Festival, is an exceptionally good actress. And Slue, who recently starred in the anti-Apartheid drama, *Sizwe Bansi Is Dead*, is equally a good actor.

So why am I complaining? Because I felt that Hyland is terribly miscast in the role of a retired Jewish schoolteacher.

I know that Uhry has based the character on his own Jewish grandmother from Georgia. And I'm not suggesting that her Miss Daisy should be depicted as a stereotype Jewish grandmother.

Nevertheless, I found Hyland's portrait devoid of Jewish nuances, Jewish flavor, Jewish juices. In short, it lacks Jewish *tam*. She might well be one of the Episcopalian matrons from the Deep South she mocks in her dialogue.

The most blatant example of what I mean occurs when the chauffeur informs her it's useless for him to take her on her regular weekly drive to attend Sabbath services at the Reform temple.

"How come?" she asks. Because, he says, the temple has been bombed.

Miss Daisy responds to this dreadful news as though being told that somebody has just swatted a fly.

"Why didn't they bomb a Conservative or Orthodox synagogue instead?" she remarks in a peevish, querulous tone.

No matter how assimilated she might be, I simply couldn't accept her as a believable Jewess.

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I likewise couldn't swallow the credibility of the lead characters in British playwright David Hare's *A Map Of The World* (running until March 26 at the Canadian Stage Company's Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., 368-2856).

The local reviewers likened this 1983 polemical drama to the current controversy raging over Anglo-Indian author Salman Rushdie, his novel *The Satanic Verses*, and the death sentence pronounced against him by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini.

In the play, the controversy centres on Victor Mehta (played by Marvin Ishmael, whom I recall as a passable Oberon in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Earl Bales Park's Skylight Theatre last summer).

Here he's an East Indian author living in England, invited to address a 1978 United Nations conference on Third World poverty being held in a Bombay hotel. To prevent disruption of this important symposium, Mehta is asked to read a public statement admitting that his satirical novels lampooning Third World inefficiency are fairytale distortions of the truth. He refuses.

This situation sets the stage for a debate between the world-weary, right-wing cynic and an idealistic left-wing journalist (Ross Manson) who denounces Mehta's detached ennui.

Frances Hyland as Jewish matriarch and Errol Slue as her chauffeur co-star in Driving Miss Daisy comedy-drama.

The playwright has sexed up the plot by introducing a beautiful American actress (Arlene Mazerolle) who offers to sleep with the winner of the debate. There are further irrelevant complications I won't go into here.

All I can say is that, unless you're Bernard Shaw, political debates do not a play make. Here is certainly no Shavian wit. I found the debate both verbose and boring.

And the characters seemed more like symbolic ciphers than flesh-and-blood humans. Particularly unreal was actress Mazerolle, who couldn't make up her mind whether she was playing an intellectual or a bimbo.

The proceedings got so dull that I must confess I dozed off right in the middle of a harangue. Whether it was a left-wing or right-wing harangue, this snoring deponent knoweth not.

Skin Deep trivialized to point of no return

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Blake Edwards' *Skin Deep* revolves around an indubitably interesting theme — male infidelity and its consequences. But Edwards, for all his thrashing about, doesn't manage it intelligently enough to come up with a film worthy of a supposed professional like himself.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Skin Deep* neither possesses the humor (except in one striking instance) nor the depth to be credible.

It's a dismal, boring mishmash which treats the topic with little respect.

Zach Hutton (John Ritter) is cheating on his wife. The well-to-do Hollywood writer, who toots around town in a white Mercedes convertible, suffers from an incredible lack of discretion. He knows he's wrong, but he can't help himself.

"I'm a major compulsive womanizer... but I long for a meaningful, monogamous, healthy relationship."

Mere words, of course.

Hutton is a hopeless skirtchaser cum-alcoholic who ruins his marriage, and almost his life, in the pursuit of lithe beauties (such as Chelsea Field and Julianne Phillps.) He confesses his sins and transgressions to a sympathetic bartender (the amiable Vincent Gardenia) and a remote psychiatrist (the unsuitable Michael Kidd.)

As he races headlong into unmitigated disaster, he pulls back from the abyss.

It's a subject chockfull of intriguing possibilities. A good director, no doubt, could have made something of it. But in Edwards' feeble hands, it's trivialized and vulgarized to the point of no return.

To be fair, *Skin Deep* has one triumphant, slightly redeeming moment. In a hilarious, original sketch, Edwards elicits genuine guffaws from the conceit of an iridescent condom in a darkened motel room.

With that brilliant scene over, the film settles back into the blaring mediocrity to which it has become accustomed. Ritter has comic talents, to be sure, but even he can't save *Skin Deep* from itself.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Genius George Gershwin "made a lady out of jazz"

By
FRANK RASKY

Fred Astaire said of him, "He wrote music for feet."

Walter Damrosch, the symphony conductor, said of his *Rhapsody In Blue* concerto and *Porgy And Bess* opera, "He made a lady out of jazz."

And the pianist-composer himself, thinking of his boyhood in the Jewish ghetto on the Lower East Side of New York, said, "I always wanted to write songs for young girls, sitting on fire escapes of Manhattan tenements on hot summer nights, and dreaming of love."

He was, of course, **Jacob Gershovitz**, better known around the world as **George Gershwin**.

When he died in 1937 of a brain tumor at the age of 38, his older brother, **Ira (Isidore) Gershwin**, who wrote the words for most of George's tunes, was inconsolable.

Until his own death in 1983 at 86, Ira devoted himself to the preservation of his brother's musical legacy. As trustee of the estate, Ira collected his manuscripts, notebooks and letters, and kept adding to the huge library of Gershwin records.

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And what a treasure trove of pleasurable melodies they are! The Gershwinian magic continues to live in such imperishable classics as *Summertime, My One And Only, The Man I Love, Oh, Lady Be Good, I've Got A Crush On You, It Ain't Necessarily So* and *A Woman Is A Sometime Thing.*

George Gershwin was so prolific that he dismissed the loss of a sketchbook containing material for 40 songs. "Why worry?" he said casually. "I've got plenty more where they came from."

Ever since he began as the youngest song plugger in Tin Pan Alley at the age of 15, he turned out songs that were identified with the stars.

He earned a paltry $5 in 1916 for composing the **Sophie Tucker** novelty tune, *When You Want 'Em, You Can't Get 'Em, When You've Got 'Em, You Don't Want 'Em.*

Vivienne Segal, later a funny Miss Adeline in Broadway's *Guys And Dolls*, made a vaudeville hit out of *You-oo Just You.* In 1917, the young and inexperienced lyricist **Irving Caesar** and the equally green Gershwin made a relative killing out of that ballad. Caesar sang the words while Gershwin rattled off the music on a piano before the formidable **Fred Belcher**, boss of the largest music publishing firm on Tin Pan Alley. Each of the novice songsmiths hoped they might earn $25 apiece for their effort.

After the demonstration, Belcher said, "Well, boys, how about $250?" Caesar and Gershwin looked at each other, speechless. Observing their hesitation, Belcher quickly added, "Tell you what, boys. I'll pay you $500 instead."

George Gershwin

In song pluggers' jargon, it became a smasheroo in the delightfully titled revue, *Hitchy-Koo.*

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As a words-and-music team, Ira and George earned infinitely more in royalties for their songs popularized in Broadway and Hollywood musicals.

The biggest Gershwin bestseller was *Swanee.* It was a flop at first. But then it sold 2 million records and more than 1 million copies of sheet music, thanks to **Al Jolson** crooning it as his theme song in the Broadway show, *Sinbad.*

Helen Morgan won her reputation as a torch singer by sitting atop an upright piano in the 1926 musical comedy, *Americana*, and weepily singing the Gershwin blues number, *Nobody Wants Me.*

Also in 1926, **Gertrude Lawrence** made her name with the Gershwins' beguiling *Someone To Watch Over Me* and the jingle-like *Do, Do, Do What You Done, Done Before Baby* in the Broadway show, *Oh Kay!*

Ethel Merman made her Broadway debut in the 1930 production of *Girl Crazy* and brought the house down by belting out *I Got Rhythm.* "Don't ever go near a teacher," George Gershwin advised the ex-stenographer with a brass-band voice. "He'll only ruin you."

As for **Fred Astaire**, he put his possessive stamp on a variety of prime Gershwiniana, including the evergreens *Fascinating Rhythm, S'Wonderful,* and *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, just as his dance partner **Ginger Rogers** assumed ownership of *Embraceable You.*

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You'll find many such nuggets in **Edward Jablonski's** magnificent new book, *Gershwin: A Biography* (Doubleday of Canada; 436 pages; $30).

My favorite anecdotes concern his joie de vivre at his penthous parties, where he entertained celebrities ranging from **Charlie Chaplin** to **Noel Coward** with jolly piano recitals of his newest works. His ingenuous self-absorption and unaffected delight in his own brilliance was infectious.

"An evening with Gershwin is always a Gershwin evening," wisecracked his "resident penthouse beachcomber," the rapier-tongued painist **Oscar Levant**. Another witty admirer, playwright **George S. Kaufman**, who collaborated with the Gershwins on the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical satire *Of Thee I*

Merle Shain

Sing, once jested, "I'd bet on George any time — in a hundred-yard dash to the piano."

His circle of famous friends never grew tired of watching him, his handsome hawk face enraptured while he puffed his Corona cigars and rippled on the piano such tunes as *That Certain Feeling, I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'*, or *I've Got The You Don't Know The Half of It Dearie Blues.* He sometimes spoke of himself in the third person, as though George Gershwin already belonged to the ages.

In his egocentric fashion, he could describe the musical giant, **Manuel de Falla**, as the "Spanish Gershwin." From his mother's virtues, he singled out one for special admiration: "The extraordinary thing about her is that she's so modest about *me*."

Yet privately he nursed many insecurities. He once confided to **Jerome Kern**, the Broadway songwriter he idolized: "I'm a man with a little bit of talent and a great deal of *chutzpah*." He lamented to his friend, playwright **S. N. Behrman**: "I've so much to learn. What I don't know about music is enough to keep me occupied for the rest of a normally long life."

Tragically, he never did complete that long life. Almost 4,000 fans crowded his funeral services at Temple Emanu-El on Fifth Ave. **Rabbi Stephen S. Wise** delivered the eulogy to "the singer of songs of America's soul." But it was his fellow troublemaker, **Irving Berlin**, who best summed up his genius in verse:

As a writer of serious music
He could dream for a while
in the stars,
And step down from the
heights of Grand Opera
To a chorus of thirty-two
bars.

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Corey Cerovsek

I was saddened to learn last week that **Merle Shain**, the Jewish author and former CFTO broadcaster, had died of a heart attack at 53. Her four bestsellers comforted more than 3 million readers throughout North America coping with love hangups: *Courage, My Love; When Lovers Are Friends; Hearts That We Broke Long Ago*; and *Some Men Are More Perfect Than Others.*

I once interviewed the divorcee — a rather cute and wispy gamine weighing exactly 93 pounds — at her old Georgian mansion in Rosedale, where she lived like an eccentric with her white poodle, **Chutzpah**, and her son from her previous marriage, **Shain Grossman**. "Stop that book; I want to get off!" she frequently moaned to herself while answering phone calls in the middle of the night from troubled lovers.

But her **Ann Landers'** role also brought her satisfaction. She told me how touched she was by a grateful woman who had phoned her that day from the Bay store's book department:

"She said her man had just left her. She'd been to a shrink. And she told me she'd left the shrink with her eyes wet with tears and her nose all red and shiny and swollen.

"So she'd bought a copy of my latest book in the store, so she could hide behind its cover until she got hold of herself. She read two chapters and felt so much better she cancelled all her appointments with the psychiatrist.

"I was feeling depressed myself about being called an advisor to the lovelorn. But her call bucked me up so much I tackled writing my new book with renewed vigor."

Beth Anne Cole

A tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to **Corey Cerovsek**, the 16-year-old Vancouver-born violin prodigy, who will perform **Amadeus Mozart's** *Rondo In C Major* and **Charles Saint-Saens'** *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* at the gala joint concert of the Israel Philharmonic and Toronto Symphony March 16 at Roy Thomson Hall. The major work, to be conducted by **Zubin Mehta**, will be *Symphonie Fantastique* by **Louis Berlioz**.

Beth Anne Cole, the Jewish singer, dancer and actress with the brown saucer eyes and vivacious personality, was wonderful last year when I saw her star in the Shaw Festival's musical, *Hit The Deck*, and the Factory Theatre's award-winning musical, *Girls In The Gang.* I'm sure the Toronto entertainer will be equally wonderful heading her 1-woman show, *Me, Myself And Music*, running from March 21 to 25 at Brampton's Heritage Theatre, 86 Main St. N. (416-454-4600).

I also look forward to catching the gig of another Jewish chantootsy, **Aelita** (born **Alla Fitingof** in Riga), a blonde bundle of fun, specializing in Yiddish and Piaf ballads, who'll be performing on the weekends of March 17 and 24 at Bill and Anna's Place, on Bayview Ave. (889-5920). She and her husband, **Jack Neihausen**, owner of Gold's Gym in Thornhill, book Aelita and 60 other performers for Jewish festive events via Aelita Musical Enterprises (222-7573).

A pretty, 15-year-old actress, **Carole Frischman**, will portray the comic Quince in Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, playing

Carole Frischman

March 23 and 25 in the 600-seat banquet hall of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (789-3216). The ambitious $10,000 production, featuring a cast of 40 and music by the Beatles, is being staged by the synagogue's youth directors **Israel Ellis**, 23, and **Phillip Kravetsky**, 22. The musical has been adapted from the play by

Aelita

stage director **Joan Bernarde** and choreographed by **Jodie Gliener**.

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I bow out with this exit line from that grand hoofer **Fred Astaire**, shortly before he died last year at 89: "I'm not sending messages with my feet. All I ever wanted was not to come up empty. I did it for the dough and the old applause."

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Smalltown going-home play is refreshingly funny

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's pretty well obligatory for every young playwright from a small town to turn out his Thomas Wolfean, autobiographical version of *You Can't Go Home Again*.

The hero is invariably a sensitive, poetic fellow, who condescends in a superior manner to the local yokelry and spouts trite pseudo-philosophic cliches as though they were profound truisms.

This is partially true of *The Last Bus*, running until March 26 at the Tarragon Theatre (30 Bridgman Ave., 536-5018).

It's a going-home play by Raymond Storey, the 33-year-old playwright from Orillia, Ont., who is the author (with composer John Roby) of last year's Dora Award-winning musical, *Girls In The Gang*.

However, this is a going-home play with a difference. Storey originally wrote it in 1982, put it away in a drawer, and then took it out recently and refurbished it.

To be sure, it still retains some juvenilities in spots. But it also sparkles with authentic characterization and bona fide colloquial idiom that is often very funny.

Our hero is a high school teacher in the big city (sensitively played by Michael Riley, who starred in the recent Toronto hits, *Fire* and *Nothing Sacred*). He returns to his home town for the funeral of his close boyhood friend, Marty, killed when drunk in a car accident.

He uneasily gets caught up in the hick-town problems of three characters.

There's his jobless older brother (played hilariously by Shaw Festival graduate Dan Lett). Gary is prone to say repeatedly, "Pardonnez me for living," takes out his frustrations by shooting enemy planes in the Space Commander video game at the local beer parlor, and gravely considers a "financial reversal" being cut off from unemployment insurance.

There's his garrulous mother Eileen (Maureen McRae), who spends hours gabbing on the party-line phone. She's a nurse's aide who believes the stories about flying saucer abductions published by supermarket tabloids. But she's also a thoughtful widow capable of reflecting, "After being married for 17 years, you can tell what your man is thinking without him saying a word."

Then there's Blair (Jane Spidell), the sexy rock-'n'-role fan regarded as the town slut because she was shacked up for three years with Marty. She hides her vulnerability beneath a hardboiled facade and wisecracks aimed at the prudish townsfolk "who make me feel as welcome as clap at a convent."

Apart from the ultimate revelation hinting that Marty and Robert appeared to have been homosexual lovers, the weak story-line doesn't go anywhere. And the philosophizing is banal, as when a character observes, "There's nothing like a little pain to let you know you're still alive."

But Lloy Coutts' direction is sharp, and Sue Le Page's background set of a silhouetted jackpine forest is surely a prize-winner. Despite its flaws, it's a refreshing apprentice play worth seeing because of its down-home folksy humor.

Chances Are screwball comedy will prove to be hugely diverting

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

It would appear that the latest shtick in Hollywood is reincarnation.

Judging by *Chances Are*, Emile Ardolino's romantic comedy, surrogate souls are now the rage.

There have been a number of like-minded films in the past year or so, and *Chances Are*, for all its fidelity to fad, is at least a reasonable and intelligent facsimile of the genre.

Cybill Sheppard and Robert Downey Jr. in Chances Are.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, the film has several advantages: The script, as written by Perry and Randy Howze, is perky and even occasionally clever. The direction is velvetine soft. Ardolino, you may recall, took *Dirty Dancing* through its deft turns. The musical score, under the direction of that old master, Maurice Jarre, incorporates sentimental favorites such as Chances Are (sung by the incomparable Johnny Mathis) and Can't Get Over You. And Lester Lanin, high society's perennial band leader, puts in a cameo appearance. Last but not least, it doesn't lack for beautiful talented people.

Cybill Shepherd is cast as Corinne Jeffries — an elegant, late 30ish widow who's been longing desperately for her husband, Louie (Christopher McDonald), since his untimely death in an accident some 20 years earlier.

Jeffries, a curator in the Smithsonian Museum, shares a trendy townhouse in fashionable Georgetown with her lovely daughter, Miranda (Mary Stuart Masterson), a Yale graduate set on becoming a lawyer. Corinne's strictly platonic boyfriend, the late Louie's best buddy, Philip Train (Ryan O'Neal), is a Washington Post reporter. As much as he loves Corinne, he doesn't show it, out of misplaced respect for her special relationship with Louie.

Chances Are really gets under way when Alex Finch (Robert Downey, Jr.) enters the picture as the reincarnated Louie. The humor turns on his slapdash attempts to convince Corinne and company that he's Louie in the body of a 22-year-old man.

There are, of course, complicating factors at work: Miranda, having been drawn to Alex, can't understand why he usually doesn't reciprocate her feelings; Corinne, initially repelled by Alex's clumsy amorous advances, learns to appreciate them; Philip, aghast at Corinne's naievete, seethes as she and Alex hit it off.

In sum total, ***Chances Are*** **is rather appealing. It moves along at a brisk pace. It never descends into the realm of silliness and, if anything, its screwball antics, which smack of the 1930s, are hugely diverting.**

There are times when it's too pat, when the scriptwriters take too many liberties. But these unfelicitous moments aren't crucial to its overall success.

The real question is whether you can suspend critical faculties and learn to accept, if only fleetingly, the harebrained concept of reincarnation. I'm not predisposed to the idea. But Ardolino and crew pull it off with such panache and joie de vivre that any carping would seem to be out of order in this case.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 422-2331

Great news! **Neil Simon**'s delightful musical comedy, **THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG** is coming to **Leah P**'s, directed by the famed author's brother, **Danny Simon**. And oh, the stars ... brilliant, beautiful **Susan Hogan** (Night Heat's Nicole) & acclaimed veteran **Gerry Salsberg**. Preview Mar. 22, opens Mar. 23. **Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst, 630-6752.**

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Arts

Tributes from Jewish community, top glitterati

Gelber named JCC's first Arts Person of the Year

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A full house of the city's top arts glitterati turned out in complete regalia recently to honor Arthur Gelber as the Jewish Community Centre's first Arts Person of the Year.

Opera diva Maureen Forrester, ballerina Veronica Tennant, cellist Ofra Harnoy, the Danny Goodman Dance Company and harpist Erica Goodman performed, interspersed with tributes to Gelber from JCC President Bernard Kamin, former JCC executive director David Andrews, Margo Bindhart, president of the Art Gallery of Ontario, artist Charles Pachter and composer Louis Applebaum.

Master of Ceremonies was Donald McSween of the National Arts Centre.

Gelber was feted as a leading power broker in the arts in Toronto. At 73, he has had a hand in virtually every artistic endeavor undertaken in the city in the past 50 years.

As well, he's held major positions in the Jewish community, having served as president and chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, president of the Toronto Zionist Council and board member of Jewish Family & Child Service and the Hillel Foundation at University of Toronto. He was also a founder of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation.

It was Gelber who started an arts program at the downtown YMHA after the Y moved to College and Spadina. When the Y's North branch opened, he began a successful dance program there.

Sporting the trademark cord that ties his eyeglass stems together, Gelber was presented with a sculpture by Inuit artist David Ruben Piqtoukun. The artwork was specially commissioned by Murray and Marvelle Koffler.

Legend has it that in 1963, it was Gelber who personally persuaded then Ontario Premier John Robarts to pass Bill 162, which established the Ontario Arts Council, of which Gelber was chairman from 1979 to 1982.

Among the myriad of Gelber accomplishments has been the establishment of the Wintario 2-for-1 fund raising scheme, which helps fund art troupes across Ontario.

"Uncle Arthur," as many affectionately know him, was a founding member of the National Ballet of Canada and has chaired or served on the boards of the National Arts Council, the Shaw Festival, the Toronto International Festival, the Dominion Drama Festival, the Encyclopedia of Music and the National Theater School, among many others.

In 1972, he devised a financial plan to save the ailing Saturday Night Magazine, which today is a healthy, award-winning publication.

Today, Gelber is involved with the National Ballet of Canada, the Glen Gould Memorial Foundation, the Stratford Festival, the Friends of Harbourfront and a slew of others.

In addition to the JCC's award, Gelber has been presented with the Order of Canada, the Centennial Medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the City of Toronto Award of Merit. Last year, Gelber was awarded the Toronto Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement.

In his remarks, Gelber specifically thanked his "mentor": Florence Hutner Rosichan, a former executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Arthur Gelber with (from left) Ofra Harnoy, Maureen Forrester and Veronica Tennant.

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Despite slow pace, Mojo is solid

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

If *West Memphis Mojo* had appeared on a Toronto stage 35 years ago it could have been hailed as breaking new ground in depicting exploitation of Blacks. But this Theatre Passe Muraille production, running until April 2, trails well behind history.

In fact, *The Death of Bessie Smith*, by Edward Albee, produced in the 1950s, said as much about this subject, and more succinctly, in a 1-act play than Martin Jones has in his 2-acter. In Albee's play the dying blues singer Bessie Smith is refused treatment at a white hospital. In *West Memphis* a shoe shine boy is stripped of the songs he wrote by the white establishment.

Despite its slow, almost agonizing pace in the first act, *West Memphis Mojo* (Mojo is a good luck charm) comes close to being a solid play. It is a moment of rare drama when, near the end, Nicky Guadagni, playing a slatternly southern white woman, confronts the other three performers, all Black. The theatre crackled with excitement.

Theatre Passe Muraille is wrong to take for granted that a Canadian audience will understand the nuances, not only of the Black-White situation in Tennesee, but of the racial factors in the acceptance of rock 'n' roll by the white world.

One wonders as well why the playwright twice had one of the musicians say he bought something or pawned something in a "Jew store on Beal St." Exposing discrimination against one race is hardly a licence to make damaging surreptitious remarks against another.

The set is a superb evocation by Leslie Frankish of a barber shop and record store in a Black community of the 50s, the grainy forlorness mindful of the paintings of downtown scenes by American artist Jim Dine.

The other three actors, Jeff Coopwood, Richard Yearwood and Tyrone Benskin, play their parts well. In the difficult role of Elroi, the song writing barber's helper, Yearwood supplies the humor with panache. He literally leaps up and down stairs.

West Memphis Mojo is directed by Brian Richmond with Peter Hinton. The scenic artist is David Rayfield. Theatre Passe Muraille is at 16 Ryerson Ave. (Queen-Bathurst) 363-2416.

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Resorts offer strictly kosher Passover packages

By
ROSE KLEINER

TORONTO —

Passover has become a popular time for families to schedule their vacations and as a result, a large number of resorts in the U.S. now provide strictly kosher Passover packages from coast to coast.

The following is only a sample of the numerous strictly kosher Passover packages available this year.

On the east coast, the Rye Town Hilton offers the best of two worlds. Situated on spacious wooded grounds, in Westchester, NY, this luxury hotel is a perfect place for getting away from it all. Yet it is within easy reach of New York City, with its theatres, shopping and other diversions.

Besides the Catskill hotels such as the Concord and Homowack, on the east coast, there are Vermont's Lake Morey Resort, in Fairlee, and the Mountainview Great Gorge's Resort, which is 55 miles from New York City. Another mountain setting for Passover is the Tamiment Resort, in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Passover packages abound in Florida. The Hilton in Disneyworld, in Orlando, and the Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs, have Passover packages. In Miami there are the established kosher hotels such as the Saxony, Caribbean and the Crown.

Miami hotels with special Passover facilities are the Fontainebleau Hilton, the Sheraton Bal Harbor, and the Eden Roc. Miami's famous Doral Country Club is being taken over by a Chicago caterer for Passover. Guests will have access to the facilities of the Doral Beach Hotel on the ocean.

The Country Club has recently become the site for one of North America's most beautiful spa resorts, the international Doral Saturina. Its Ultimate Spa Day should be the perfect complement to the gourmet meals served at Passover.

To the north, in Fort Lauderdale, one can actually spend all of Passover on the premises of a spa this year. A strictly kosher Passover is planned at the Bonaventure Spa with its two golf courses, 23 tennis courts, three pools, boating, horseback riding, and numerous other amenities in the fitness centre.

Pesach in Las Vegas

Moving west, the Tamarron Resort in Durango, Colo., will be another strictly kosher Passover site. In Las Vegas one can celebrate Passover this year only two blocks from the Las Vegas Strip. The Alexis Park, a non-gaming resort, will feature traditional seders, glatt kosher meals, and daily services. The meals will include two barbecues, and the daily Tea Room is equipped with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Those wishing to celebrate Passover in California can head for the Palm Springs Resort, or the Desert Princess, in Palm Springs; the Red Lion Resort, in Santa Barbara; or the San Diego Princess Hotel, in San Diego.

A number of resorts on the Caribbean islands are preparing to receive guests for Passover. The Club Med at St. George's Cove, in Bermuda, will be entirely glatt kosher for Passover. Nine tennis courts, a golf course, a day camp, and teen activities, are part of the package. One of the resort's two pools will have separate swimming. Cultural activities are on the agenda too.

Puerto Rico's Caribe Hilton, and La Concha Hotel, in San Juan, have glatt kosher Passover packages. The Virgin Isle Hotel, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, will have all the Passover amenities, including a synagogue on the premises.

Those who wish to go further south, can spend Passover at the Krystal Ixtapa Hotel, a beach resort on the Pacific, in Ixtapa, Mexico.

If staying in one place during the whole of Passover is too much, then one can choose a cruise in the Caribbean. Passover on the Crown del Mar (Panamanian Registry) is being advertised as an affordable cruise on a luxury liner. The entire ship will be kosher for Passover. There will be four gourmet meals daily.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

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It is a relaxing way to see these countries, as this travel reporter learned on at least one canal trip in England. You are away from crowded highways, crowded cities, see a varied countryside, even wildlife you would otherwise miss, sleep aboard ship, and even eat in small and large cities or on board.

In Ireland the trips are usually along the Shannon River on the west coast, past Limerick and other small communities. In England the cruises, whether on your own or on a larger canal boat, are mostly in East Anglia, north of London, through narrow rivers, farm areas and past reed-covered shores where a variety of birds can always be seen.

Holland and Belgium are criss-crossed with canals, ideal for such a boating holiday, and never far from a city, good shopping and gourmet cooking. You can tour urban areas while your canal boat is moored close to a main shopping area, visit museums, pass through blooming flower fields, even tour major harbors such as Rotterdam.

There are trips entirely in Holland or you can go on a cruise in these luxury barges from Amsterdam to Brussels, stopping in medieval towns like Ghent and Bruges.

In France most of these inland waterway cruises are in the Burgundy wine and castle countryside, most covering about a week of travel through tree-shaded river country, with stops to visit castles and wineries, and taste local cooking. There is a wide choice to cover much of central and eastern France. As an added attraction some of the inland waterway cruise firms offer balloon flights, weather permitting, for another view of the countryside.

Elsewhere in Europe there are inland waterway cruises of one day or more in the Scandinavian countries; between Helsinki, Finland, and Leningrad, USSR; along the Danube River in Hungary and Austria; in some parts of European Russia; and within Finland.

You can cruise the Rhine River from Rotterdam to Basel in Switzerland, a trip of nearly a week, or take daytime trips on Lake Constance on the shores of which are Switzerland, France and Germany or on Lake Leman, also known as Lake Geneva, in Switzerland.

Cruise ships like those which are used in the Caribbean, can also be found in Europe. They travel the coast of Norway during the long daylight summers, they travel the Baltic Sea among the Scandinavian countries, and in the Mediterranean Sea.

One ship firm is turning one of its popular passenger cruise ships from North American waters this year to make a number of cruises in the Mediterranean region, touching at various ports in Spain, France, Italy and Greece.

There are numerous cruises during the spring and summer months for 12 to 14 days touching at various Atlantic coastal ports as well as in the Mediterranean area.

There are three- to seven-day cruises among the Greek islands of the Aegean Sea this spring and summer, and other seven- to 14-day cruises touching at ports in Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece. There are some 7-day cruises which start on the island of Madeira off the coast of Africa and go to the Balearic islands off Spain in the Mediterranean Sea.

Fair in Jerusalem to exhibit antiquities

TORONTO —

A wide range of antiquities from Israel and abroad will be exhibited under one roof at the Antiquities and Antiques Fair in Jerusalem April 22-25.

Yehuda Shen, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office for Canada says the event will include public auctions, professional lectures, tours to archeological sites in and around Jerusalem, screening of documentary films on archaeology and findings and exhibits.

Subjects to be discussed include collections, jewelry, old books and manuscripts, art, clothing, paintings and sculptures, religious articles, handicrafts, furniture, musical instruments, coins, medals and stamps.

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Travel

Florida guide outlines attractions

By DAVID BIRKAN

Fodor's 89: Florida (U.S. $12) gives detailed and well organized proof that there is something for everyone in the sunshine state. The 330-page compendium of hotels, restaurants, tours, theatres, sporting events, art galleries, night clubs, transportation, malls, and shopping centres offers to maximize vacation enjoyment.

The guide details Florida's nine principalities of pleasure: Miami, the Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach, the Florida Keys, Disney World and the Orlando area, central Florida, southwest Florida, and north Florida. All this is preceded by an elaborate guide to the state's climate, history, beaches, participant sports from bicycling to golf to fishing, and seasonal attractions.

Information on events and indoor attractions includes hours of operation, telephone numbers, and how to get to them by car or public transit.

Occasional maps provide basic orientation.

To this reviewer's delight, an elaborate index brings together references to its listed topics from throughout the book. This is a boon that vacation planners will appreciate.

According to a Fodor's spokesman, the completely rewritten and updated Florida guide is part of the publisher's program to revamp all 140 of its travel guides.

First time visitors will have to rely on Jewish travel guides, local phone books or word of mouth to find synagogues, kosher restaurants, and other facilities.

Which brings us to *The Jewish Travellers' Resource Guide 1989*, compiled by Jeffrey Seidel, a 98-page handbook of contacts for observant visitors around the world.

For Florida, this guide gives the addresses and phone numbers of one rabbi and minyan each in Boca Raton, Casselberry, Coral Springs, Fort Lauderdale, and Jacksonville, of two in Miami city, three in Miami Beach, and of five in North Miami Beach.

Included are ads for Aish HaTorah, Ohr Somayach, and other yeshivot, Feldheim publishers, and Jerusalem's Richie's Pizza.

Also listed are some individuals who are willing to arrange accommodation.

While largely student-oriented, Seidel's guide gives more established travellers new perspectives in territory that they are already familiar with. And in breaking new ground, it can be invaluable.

Travellers bound for Thailand, for example, may want to make contact with Bangkok's Even Chen Synagogue or the Jewish Association of Thailand.

Bon voyage — lech l'shalom.

Special art tour scheduled for Israel

MONTREAL — Accomplished Canadian artist Roslyn Swartzman will be accompanying a special art tour of Israel, scheduled for May 15-29.

The tour is being organized by Bernice Clenman, a Concordia University art instructor and fine arts graduate, in conjunction with B'nai B'rith Canada and Operation Solidarity.

According to Clenman, the tour is the first of its kind. Artists and art lovers from both Montreal and Toronto are being invited to participate and much of the tour will consist of opportunities to put brush to easel and to visit artistic sites.

Swartzman, primarily a painter and printmaker, is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy with 27 solo exhibitions to her credit (with another scheduled for April in Toronto's Contemporary Fine Arts Gallery).

In Montreal, she has overseen the Saidye Bronfman Centre's printmaking department for almost two decades and will provide individual instruction to all levels of expertise during the tour, Clenman said.

Clenman stressed that the schedule will be flexible. Time has been set aside virtually every day to sketch and paint (participants are responsible for bringing their own art supplies) and the sites will include Acre, Rosh Hanikra, Haifa's Mount Carmel, and Old Jaffa.

Participants will also paint with Swartzman at the famous Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem, and the artist will lead a 3-day tour of the Galilee painting and touring the area. During that period participants will be hosted, bedded and fed at the Kfar Giladi kibbutz.

The famous artists' colony in Safed will be visited during the tour as will other Israeli locations of special interest to art lovers, such as the Israel Museum, the Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital, the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden and Massada's mosaic floors.

From Montreal, the $2,095 cost ($2,155 from Toronto) includes return air fare, and deluxe/first class hotel accomodations (four nights each in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv and one in Haifa), all land arrangements, and breakfast and supper daily.

The Galilee portion includes three meals.

In Toronto, more information can be obtained by calling Heritage Tours, (416) 630-3932. Montrealers should call Clenman at (514) 487-3311. Those with art inquiries can also call Swartzman at (514) 487-2016.

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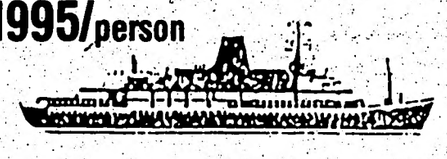

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VRI Israel Bonds rate rises

MONTREAL —

The interest rate on State of Israel Variable Rate Issue (VRI) Bonds rose to 9% as of Feb. 1, Bonds national treasurer Lawrence Bessner announced.

The new rate is being paid until July 31, 1989 and will apply to Bonds purchased through June 30, 1989. The minimum initial investment must be $25,000 (U.S.).

In making the announcement, Bessner noted that from the time the first VRI Bond was sold in November, 1980, its features have made it "one of the most popular securities ever offered by the Israel Bond Organization. Four issues have been sold and the fifth issue has now passed the halfway mark."

He added that from the first issue until Jan. 31, 1989, a total of $852,703,500 has been invested in VRI Bonds.

Variable Rate Bonds are available to and are owned by individuals, banks, insurance companies, profit-sharing plans, jointly administered pension plans, union health and welfare funds, private, corporate and public foundations, corporations, endowment funds, and cultural, educational and religious institutions, mainly in the United States.

The VRI Bond pays a minimum annual interest rate of 7½% plus half the difference between 7½% and the average prime rate in the United States as determined on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year. The interest rate will never fall below 7½%.

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Proceeds from Israel Bond sales are invested in the nation's economic development, with special emphasis on such infrastructure projects as harbors and highways, as well as high technology industries.

Firm assists trade financing

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

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On the other hand, he says, this is what separates his company from others that have tried to set up similar ventures in Canada in the past.

"You have to spend a lot of time with the clients, understanding the nature of their business; secondary-trade financing companies in Canada did not really make tremendous progress because they were operated through agents or by companies who were involved in many businesses of which trade finance was just a small part."

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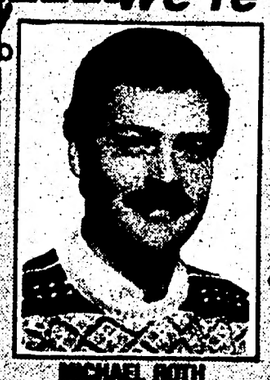
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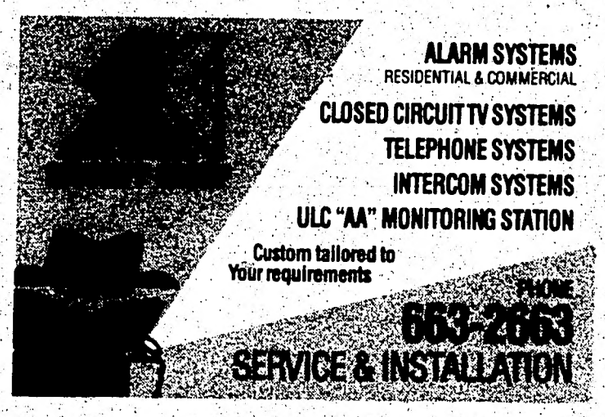
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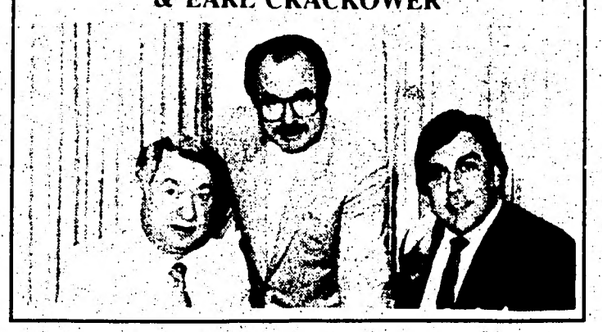
Mortgage pay down vs. RRSP personal choice

The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER



Question: My wife and I are both professionals in our late 30s. We have a house with a sizeable mortgage. Is it better to pay down the mortgage as quickly as possible and defer buying RRSPs or should we be buying now and pay the mortgage off at a slower pace?

Answer: There are two answers to this question. The first is based on emotions, the second on numbers.

If you and your wife are like most people, you are not pleased about paying out heavy interest on your mortgage. Therefore, emotionally speaking, you would rest easier if your mortgage was reduced to a comfortable size or better yet, wiped out.

We understand that. Interest paid out in large lump sums is a waste of money.

However, let's consider the numbers. For 1988, there are only three income tax brackets in Ontario which are on income — to $27,500, 26.18%; $27,501-$55,000, 40.04%, and $55,001 and up, 44.66%.

Being professional people we presume that you are each in the top bracket. Therefore, if you consider an RRSP of $7,500, you will have a reduction of taxable income of $7,500 and therefore you will each pay $3,349.50 less in income tax. Put another way, if you do not go into an RRSP for $7,500, you will each pay $3,349.50 and only be left with $4,150.50 to reduce your mortgage.

Add to this the fact that the $7,500 RRSP investment will compound without attracting tax. At 11%, you will earn $825 interest and keep it all. Meanwhile, if you pay your mortgage instead of buying the RRSP, you will reduce your interest on the $4,150.50, if it is at 13½%, by $560.32. If you extend these figures for five or 10 years, the difference will obviously grow wider.

Some may also argue that paying down the mortgage is more advantageous because by paying it down with after tax dollars, you have the equivalent of investing at 13½%. You would have to find an investment which exceeds 20% to net out an investment of 13½% after tax. So paying down your mortgage is like having an investment of 20% before tax on $4,150.50.

Since you're young, you can pick up on your RRSP plans with plenty of time left to retirement. If the proposed changes to RRSP contributions are enacted, you will be able to carry forward unused RRSP contributions to future years. So, you may be able to make up for some of the years you didn't contribute to RRSP and put the money into your mortgage.

So which is best for you? We think that only you and your emotions can answer that question. Incidentally, the numbers will work out differently for those of our readers who are in either of the lower income-tax brackets.

Question; I'm still having difficulty understanding the difference between a RRIF and an annuity. Can you give me an easy way to see the difference?

Answer: Perhaps we should try to explain them by the differences in the investments available to each type of post-RRSP option.

In a RRIF, the annuitant (yes, the person receiving the income from a RRIF is called an annuitant, not a RRIFant) has the option of choosing the RRIF investment. Therefore he or she can invest in stock, bonds, mortgages, mutual funds, GICs and many other investment options. Of course, experience in investing should be your guide to how you choose to use your money.

If you have lots of experience in stocks, bonds or mortgages and can tolerate risk, go for them. If you have little or no experience, then play it safe and don't risk losing your money.

An annuity is a lifetime pension. It is meant to provide a regular payment of income for all of your life. That may also include all of your spouse's life.

The payments are 100% safe; there are no further costs or charges after it is set up and you never need to make further investment decisions. We might add that the interest rates used in annuity calculations reflect current rates.

RRIFs are best for some people. Annuities are better for others. Only the individual circumstances of the person can determine which is best for you. Good planning and considerable understanding of the many different products are necessary before making a choice.

Question: My 71st birthday is coming up in 1989. Is there anything I should be doing in preparation for conveying my RRSPs?

Answer: There certainly are several important things to be done if you want to be in control of your money.

This is the year you must convert to a RRIF or an annuity. Obviously the best time to do that is when interest rates are at their highest. Most of the economic forecasts we have seen so far seem to indicate that rates will remain high for the first half of 1989 and then start to drop.

It that is true, you will want your funds available to be changed over before they drop. So keep your funds in an RRSP that is yours on demand. Do not allow anyone to talk you into a non-redeemable term deposit. Particularly avoid deposits that mature on Dec. 31, 1989 as these are near impossible to deal with on the deadline.

Ask the financial institution that has your RRSPs if your term deposit can be broken, without hidden charges and transferred to other companies. This is vital if you want to shop the market for the best deal.

Don't do business with a company that will waive their hidden fees if you buy the RRIF from them. This is just a trap to try to keep you from shopping for what is best for you.

Perhaps the most important advice is to get a professional to help you in choosing your RRIF or annuity. It is impossible to do it yourself. There are too many choices and you cannot make an intelligent choice until you understand from what you have to choose.

Finally, 1989 will be the last opportunity to "top-up" your RRSP with contributions from C.P.P., O.A.S. and other pension money. These contributions have to be made prior to Dec. 31, 1989.

CURRENT ANNUITY & RRIF RATES as of March 8, 1989

MONTHLY INCOMES BASED ON $50,000 RRSP PURCHASE commencing one month from purchase date.

		Male	Female
	Age 60	529.54	496.97
LIFE ANNUITY	65	572.45	526.39
No Guaranteed Term	71	656.12	586.03
	Age 60	509.61	487.03
LIFE ANNUITY	65	536.47	509.05
Guaranteed Term 10 years	71	576.59	546.88
	Age 60	466.93	
JOINT LIFE ANNUITY	65	480.43	
Guaranteed Term 15 years	71	505.85	

BEST CURRENT RRIF RATES

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	To age 90
11.125%	11.25%	11.26%	11.15%	11.15%

PLEASE NOTE: The choices shown represent only a few of the many annuities and RRIFs that are available. Some companies increase the RRIF rates by ¼% on larger amounts. These rates are the best available from a regular survey produced by a national annuity quotation service and are made available by Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower Annuity Insurance Agency of Toronto.

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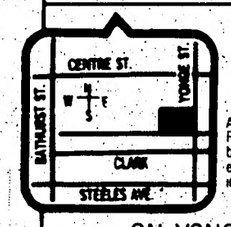

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Here we are two 26 year old, attractive blue-eyed blondes, intelligent, warm and sincere women with fabulous senses of humour looking to meet down to earth professionals or businessmen ages 28-40, but above all they must be a mensch. If we have grabbed your attention, please reply to Box #9015, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3a1.

Warm, caring, attractive 30 year old male, sales professional. Interests include sports, reading, seeks attractive female with kind personality for friendship and possibly more. Box #9021, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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Attractive, slim, young widow with daughter, good conversationalist, sense of humour, intelligent with youthful attitude, enjoys dancing, music, poetry, great conversation, seeks male companion, 30's, attractive, slim, with similar interests, characteristics for serious relationship. Box #9027, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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Young man, age 22, university education, who likes skating, swimming, tennis, music, dancing, etc. is looking for girl, age 20-24 (Toronto area) who has similar interests. Object: friendship and fun. Box #9031, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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New to Toronto. Unattached, Jewish outgoing independent 38 year old woman, seeking unattached Jewish man, 35-45, with sense of humour comparable to mine, to laugh together, eat together, travel together and live life together. Must be 5'9" or taller, attractive and independent. Photo is a must. Box #9033, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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If it's important and possible for you to establish a family in spite of your sexual tendencies, write to a bisexual traditional young man, 29 years old. P.O. Box 10638, Ramat-Gan, Israel.

50 Obituaries

Rae Teachman on Feb. 24/89, late of 3171 Bathurst St. #101.
Morris Skrobacky on Feb. 24/89, late of 2121 Bathurst St. #319.
Lilly Szabo on Feb. 24/89, late of 200 Wellesley St. #609.
Albert Manella on Feb. 25/89, late of 755 Steeles Ave. W. #210.
Margaret Wiecznik on Feb. 26/89, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Boris Barkin on Feb. 26/89, late of 55 Skymark Drive #2904.
Allan Lindzon on Feb. 27/89, late of 76 Burton Road.
Bluma Cogan on Feb. 27/89, late of Baycrest Jewish Home For Aged.
Klaudia Zolotarow on Feb. 27/89, late of Cummer Lodge.
Mary Geller on Feb. 27/89, late of 1307 Wilson Ave. #306.
Gordon Keltz on Feb. 28/89, late of 70 Larabee Crescent.
Joseph Szilagyi on Feb. 28/89, late of 2700 Bathurst Street #202.
Solomon Shek on Feb. 27/89, late of 43 Roseneath Gardens.
Dorothy Krever on Mar. 2/89, late of 3900 Yonge Street #1003.
Sara Schachter on Mar. 1/89, late of 6091 Bathurst Street #615.
Ann Stolnitz on Mar. 1/89, late of 3311 Bathurst Street #205.
Pauline Brandwein on Mar. 3/89, late of 12 Rockford Road #1203.
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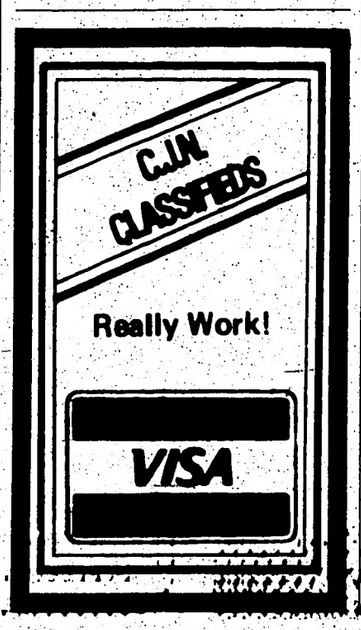

Nazi photos exhibited

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
Gallery Burston-Roberts, a small gallery that has presented several shows of contemporary art since its opening last November, has departed from the expected by presenting an unusual collection of German propaganda photographs taken during the Nazi era.

The 43 photographs are matted and arranged neatly along the walls of a large room. An enlarged print, suspended just inside the entrance, gives a foretaste of what the exhibition is about.

It shows a crowd of exuberant young Germans, esthetically composed in medium shot, stretching excitedly towards an out-of-frame centre of gravity — Adolf Hitler.

All of the photos are crisp and clear, and seem to date from the latter half of the 1930s. However, not one bears any documentation, not even when Hitler is surrounded by party officials like Goebbels or Eichmann or, as in one picture, meeting a delegation of Japanese officials. That is probably the major flaw in their presentation.

A note at the entrance gives the period of the photographs, attempts a definition of the word "propaganda," then continues, "We offer no other comment or explanation."

Joshua Burston, a partner in the gallery, told the CJN, "I think it's timely. I think right now we have to recognize that evil has a face, and just because somebody was popular, and the public was swayed, doesn't mean that he was necessarily good for minorities or the public at large."

Burston said that the photos were acquired "through somebody who was in the war and came across them; they were found. They were in my partner's possession for the last 25 years or so. He's just been waiting for the right time and place to display them."

His partner, Don Roberts, does not own the negative to the prints. "To the best of my knowledge the photographs have never been published before," he said. "I've been looking at them all my life, and I've never seen them reproduced anywhere."

The exhibition is scheduled to close on March 18. The Gallery Burston-Roberts is located through the tunnel between 19 and 25 St. Nicholas St., in the Wellesley-Yonge area.

Propaganda claims refuted

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Near East Report's *Myths and Facts 1989* (US $4), compiled by Leonard J. Davis, provides sober factual refutation of anti-Israel claims shouted aloud by Arab propaganda and its witting and unwitting supporters.

Considering the unabated media focus on Israel, *Myths and Facts* should be as accessible and referred to as a TV guide.

Among the many propaganda claims (the myths, here) addressed in the 320-page softcover handbook are that:

• The World Health Organization has found that the health of residents in the territories has been affected by Israel's occupation. Yes it has — but for the better, a detailed chart demonstrates.

• Israel prevents Moslems from free access to their holy sites. Freedom of access for every religious group is among the rights guaranteed by Israeli law; holy places are administered by their faiths' councils.

• Israel's excavations in the Old City, according to UNESCO, have caused considerable damage to Moslem buildings and threaten the historical character of Jerusalem.

UNESCO's claim, "a crude political act," disregarded firsthand testimony by its own hired experts, including a Prof. Raymond Lemaire. The latter reported that criticism against Israeli archeological teams was "groundless . . . They are perfectly well-qualified experts who are extremely attentive . . . The same care is expended on the preservation of the remains of the (Moslem) Umayad palaces as on those of the Herodian period."

• Saudi Arabia is an Arab moderate, interested in peace with Israel.

Hah! Saudi leaders have been denouncing Egypt for its signing the Camp David accord, and have been urging jihad (holy war) against Israel continuously, the book points out. Saudi Arabia has also been transferring some of the weaponry it bought from the U.S. to the PLO. And, "Saudi leaders have vowed to use all their weapons — including AWACs — in the Arab struggle against Israel."

There's much, much, more in *Myths and Facts* — documented, illustrated with charts and maps, and rendered accessible by an extensive index.

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Nomination forms are available from the Department of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, East Side, Toronto City Hall (**392-7022**, TTY/TDD users call 392-7354) and must be returned before 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 1989.

City of Toronto

Changes to Refuse Collection Schedule

NO garbage will be collected in the City of Toronto on Good Friday, March 24, and Easter Monday, March 27. Both days are civic holidays.

Garbage normally collected on ***Friday, March 24,*** *will be picked-up on* ***Tuesday, March 28.***

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Collaborators made Holocaust possible: lawyer

By
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TORONTO —

Collaboration with the Nazis is what made the Holocaust possible, says Allan Gerson, an international lawyer who was formerly a trial attorney with the United States Office of Special Investigations.

"In every country, you had willing collaborators ... (and) the people who collaborated were not necessarily anti-semites."

Gerson, who said he "grew up" in a displaced persons camp, is currently a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He made his remarks at a recent men's club breakfast at Beth Tzedek synagogue, where he appeared as the special guest speaker for the Florence and Harry Topper Annual Lectures.

— "What makes collaboration is ordinariness. It's what ordinary people do under certain circumstances," said Gerson. "What was required (not to do so) was courage." But what people often did, Gerson described as "preemptive capitulation."

He spoke about his prosecution of the chief of police of Rawa-Ruska, Ukraine. "I got to know him very well," said Gerson. "No one could point to any anti-semitism in his past. . . . This man said — and I believed him — that the Jews seemed doomed anyway, and if he helped the Germans, the Germans would help them (the Ukrainian nationalists) against the Russians."

Asked by a member of the audience if he had ever come across cases of people collaborating because of a belief in the rightful authority of Nazi Germany, Gerson said that he had not. But he reminded the audience that he was only prosecuting collaborators, not Germans.

Gerson remarked that "when I prepared a case, it was (as if) it was 1942, not 1972." He explained that for both the perpetrators and their victims, the Holocaust had remained the central event of their lives.

"People would say, 'It was 10.27 when it happened.' I'd say, 'How do you know?' He'd say, 'I remember I looked at my watch.' " Gerson said he feels as if he actually lived in 1942 for a year.

Gerson, who was also a former counsel to the American delegation to the United Nations, stated it was "both a privilege and a blessing" to be able to help in the defence of Israel at the UN.

"No where else in the world is the word 'Nazi' mentioned more often than at the UN," he stated. "But it's mentioned in relation to Israel." Gerson added that the U.S. delegation was able to reduce the number of accusation of "Nazi-like practices" that were made against Israel.

He also said that, after the U.S. started using its veto to quash anti-Israel resolutions, the number of such resolutions dropped.

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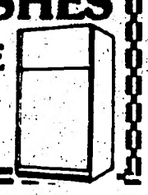

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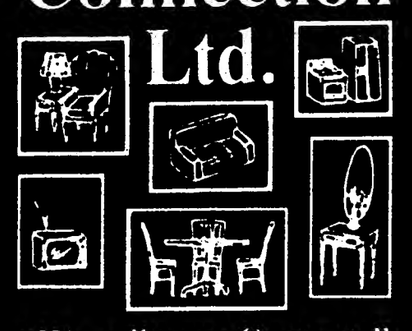
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